1 Choose the correct word.

1. The festival ***pulls/attracts*** a lot of tourists every year.
2. Josh ***pulled/lifted*** his little brother onto his shoulders so that he could see the parade.
3. People in funny costumes ***parade/march*** in the streets dancing and singing.
4. Brian ***disguised/dressed up*** as a Viking.
5. He ***watched/looked*** the people dance around the fire, then burn the paper effigy.
6. They ***stayed/waited*** for hours before the parade started.
7. The event is ***joined/linked*** to some old ***traditions/habits***.
8. A lot of people ***gather/collect*** to watch the parade.
9. They build a fire in the ***main/chief*** square of the village.
10. He climbed up a tree to get a good ***scene/view*** of the event.
11. The celebration has changed in ***late/recent*** years.

appear (v): to become visible; to come into view
e.g. *A strange light* ***appeared*** *in the night sky.*

attend (v): to go to an event
e.g. *More than 15,000 football fans* ***attended*** *last week's match.*

witness (v): to see sth (a crime or accident)
e.g. *The police are questioning the people who* ***witnessed*** *the car accident.*

audience (n): a group of people who sit and watch a performance at a theatre, cinema, etc
e.g. *The* ***audience*** *burst into applause at the end of the performance.*

crowd (n): a large group of people
e.g. *A large* ***crowd*** *gathered in the streets to watch the parade.*

spectator (n): sb who watches a sport event
e.g. *The* ***spectators*** *cheered when their team scored a goal.*

viewer (n): sb who watches a film or TV programme
e.g. *In order to watch the 3D film,* ***viewers*** *will have to wear special 3D glasses.*

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Topic Vocabulary
National holidays & celebrations

3 Complete the gaps with words from the list. CHECK

blow
baked
threw
had
remember
charge
invited
put up

A

We **1)** _____ a party for my cousin Julie's sixteenth birthday last Saturday. We **2)** _____ her friends from school. Her best friend, Jenny who was in **3)** _____ of the decorations, **4)** _____ lots of balloons and streamers. My aunt **5)** _____ a beautiful birthday cake and I bought sixteen candles for Julie to **6)** _____ out! We all **7)** _____ a great time at the party. It was a day to **8)** _____ !

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3 Complete the gaps with words from the list. CHECK

national
pumpkin
roast
celebrate
planned
shared

B

My favourite celebration is Thanksgiving. It's a **1)** _____ holiday in the USA. We **2)** _____ it on the fourth Thursday in November. Last year, my parents and I **3)** _____ the day with our relatives. My mum had **4)** _____ a special meal that included a traditional **5)** _____ turkey and sweet potatoes. For dessert we had a delicious **6)** _____ pie. It was a perfect day!



4 Match the events (1-6) to the phrases (a-f). What are these phrases in your language? CHECK

1 ☐	wedding	**a** Wishing you both a world of happiness!
2 ☐	birth	**b** Best wishes for a happy retirement!
3 ☐	birthday	**c** Best wishes on getting a new start.
4 ☐	new job	**d** Many happy returns of the day.
5 ☐	retirement	**e** My condolences.
6 ☐	funeral	**f** Congratulations on the new arrival.

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