

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.*

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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- 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). **CHECK**
What are these phrases in your language?

- 1) _____ wedding
- 2) _____ birth
- 3) _____ birthday
- 4) _____ new job
- 5) _____ retirement
- 6) _____ funeral

- a Wishing you both a world of happiness!
- b Best wishes for a happy retirement!
- c Best wishes on getting a new start.
- d Many happy returns of the day.
- e My condolences.
- f Congratulations on the new arrival.