

1 Fill in: *grab, defeat, represent, commemorate, encourage, fight, exchange, decorate, greet, fast.*

- 1 My parents always me to learn about other cultures.
- 2 In Ukraine, people usually cards and presents on New Year's Day.
- 3 Sachin has to during Ramadan and he can't eat anything all day.
- 4 We hold Gasparilla Pirate Festival to the life of a Spanish pirate.
- 5 In the past, soldiers used to with swords and spears.
- 6 We decided to the house with balloons for Kelly's party.
- 7 Jim's grandparents always him with a big smile.
- 8 People wear costumes at the festival to the seasons.
- 9 Just wait while I my coat and then we can leave.
- 10 The Mexican army managed to the French at the Battle of Puebla.

2 Underline the correct item.

- 1 There were lots of impressive floats in the street **parade/display**.
- 2 We went to the hospital to visit Helen after the birth/birthday of her baby boy.
- 3 On New Year's Eve hundreds of cities **bring/come** alive with colourful fireworks.
- 4 In February children in Greece **wear/dress up** in carnival costumes.
- 5 Charlie **spilled/slipped** some tea on the white carpet.
- 6 In some countries, the wedding celebrations **keep/last** for several days.
- 7 Maria **put up/turned up** to the party in the same dress as her sister.
- 8 The English **celebrate/hold** Bonfire Night on the 5th of November every year.
- 9 Congratulations on passing your final exams! When is your **graduation/crowning?**
- 10 Stan **stepped/fell** on Mike's foot while we were dancing.

3 Put the verbs in brackets into the present perfect.

- 1 I (not/try) Maori food – what's it like?
- 2 (you/see) Emma today?
- 3 Jason (just/break) a glass and there are pieces of it all over the floor.
- 4 They (be) at the celebration since 9.00 this morning.
- 5 (Alex/buy) a ticket for the festival?

4 Underline the correct answer.

- 1 Lucy hasn't seen her cousins in Australia **for/since** two years.
- 2 The graduation ceremony has **yet/just** started.
- 3 Have you **never/ever** taken part in a parade?
- 4 I haven't been to the Glastonbury Festival **since/for** 2010.
- 5 They haven't picked the winner of the competition **yet/already**.

5 Complete using the present perfect or the past simple.

1. I _____ (buy) Fiona a birthday present yesterday.
2. I _____ (not/get) her anything yet.
3. _____ (you/ever/visit) the Taj Mahal?
4. I _____ (go) there in 2010.
5. She _____ (take part) in a Mexican festival last summer.
6. You're so lucky, I _____ (never/be) to Mexico.
7. Max _____ (just/graduate) from university.
8. That's great, he _____ (study) really hard last month.
9. Laura _____ (already/chose) her costume for a party.
10. She _____ (show) it to me last night.

6 Complete the dialogues (1-3) with appropriate responses.

- 1 X: Did you do anything special at the weekend?
 Y:
 A I enjoyed it a lot.
 B I went to a wedding.
 C It was really special.

- 2 X:
 Y: Yes, we usually have a family meal at home.
 A How do you celebrate your birthday?
 B Who do you celebrate your birthday with?
 C Do you celebrate your birthday?

- 3 X: What are you wearing to Daisy's graduation?
 Y:
 X: Really? Maybe I should go shopping too!
 A My suit was on sale.
 B I've bought a new suit.
 C I think you should wear a suit.

7 Fill the gaps (1-4) with appropriate sentences (A-E).

- A** This is why the other women sing and dance to entertain her.
- B** The groom's name is often hidden in the pattern on her hands.
- C** The mehndi patterns last for 2-4 weeks.
- D** This celebration is only for the bride and her relatives.
- E** It is usually reddish-brown, the colour of luck.

The Mehndi Party

Hindu weddings are elaborate occasions that take place over several days. One important part of the festivities is the Mehndi Party. 1 It is called the Mehndi Party after the dye used to paint patterns on the skin of the bride, also called mehndi. This is a paste made from the dried leaves of a plant, mixed with lemon juice or water. 2 An artist uses the mehndi to paint complicated designs on the bride's hands and feet, so she has to sit still for hours. 3 They also have designs painted on their skin. 4 A popular belief is that the longer the pattern remains on the skin, the better.