

Festivals & special occasions



A



B



C



D



F



G



E



H

Vocabulary

1a Match the photos (A-H) with the festivals and special occasions (1-8).

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| 1 Christmas | 5 Halloween |
| 2 Valentine's Day | 6 New Year |
| 3 a graduation | 7 Carnival |
| 4 a wedding | 8 a birthday |

b Think of all the other festivals and special occasions you can. Write them, and the ones in the pictures above, in the table.

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2a In pairs, match the words from the box with each celebration. You may decide to put some words in more than one picture. Use a dictionary if you need to.

*rings carols bride & groom pumpkin
lovers fireworks chocolates ghosts cards
witches decorations resolutions presents
Boxing Day midnight the best man roses*

b Now use the definitions of seven words from a) to complete the crossword.

*midnight pumpkin cards chocolates
decorations roses fireworks*

Across

- 1 On New Year's Eve we stay up until this time.
- 3 We send these to friends and family at Christmas and on birthdays.
- 5 They are loud and colourful and we use them to celebrate special occasions.
- 6 They are sweet and we often eat them on special occasions, like Christmas.
- 7 This orange vegetable is popular at Halloween.

Down

- 2 People often put these up around the house at Christmas.
- 4 People give these flowers to say, 'I love you'.

c (3) Listen to the four speakers. Which festival is each person describing?

3 Work in small groups, and choose a festival from this unit or another one from your country or region. Then follow these instructions.

- 1 List the things that people do and eat at this festival.
- 2 Expand the information by making notes about the items on your list.
- 3 Now one person from the group presents the festival to the rest of the class, without saying the name of the festival.
- 4 The rest of the class tries to name the festival.

