

# Festivals & special occasions



A



B



C



D



E



F



G



H



I

## Vocabulary

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

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.

British	national	international

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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

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

### Down

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

**c** 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.

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

