

Unusual Festivals

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Direction: Matching pictures with the Context. Fill in the banks with suitable vocabulary.

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A. _____
 _____ (1) is known for snowy winters, reindeers, forests, and swamps. _____
 (2) stretch across the countryside as far as the eye can see. Once a year, the town of Hyrnsalmi,
 about 650 kilometers north of Helsinki, hosts a very unusual sports event: The World Swamp
 _____ (3) Championship. This major spectacle attracts some 5,000 participants from a
 number of countries. The players play soccer in the _____ (4) mud, and often there is
 more wading and crawling than actual kicking of the ball. The game lasts for two periods of 25
 minutes each in a marked soccer field that looks more like a pig pen. After kickoff, the
 participants' brightly colored team shirts soon become _____ (5) rags.

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B. _____
 _____ (6) is the most important of Thai festivals and holidays, and it marks the start of
 the astrological _____ (7). The festival is celebrated in April over a period of four days.
 Songkran is closely associated with water. Traditionally, people _____ (8) on elders and
 family members to bring good fortune. In the home, people clean images of Buddha with scented
 water. Nowadays Songkran has become a festival in which people splash strangers on the streets
 using a water gun, a bucket, or a hose. Fortunately, it takes place during _____ (9) time
 of the year, so a cool shower is a welcome relief. Everyone gets _____ (10) in water, all
 in the spirit of good fun, except for monks, who are spared from the showers.

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C. _____
 _____ (11) festival in India is definitely the most _____ (12). It is similar to
 Songkran, but instead of water, colorful _____ (13) are thrown. The festival is hugely popular
 in the villages around Mathura, the _____ (14) of Krishna, the central figure of Hinduism.
 The festival is supposed to celebrate the love between Krishna and Radha. People throw powders
 to commemorate such love, and the mixture of bright colors _____ (15) energy, life, and
 joy

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D. _____
 Can you imagine the result of thousands of people throwing tons of _____ (16) at one
 another? Each year, on the _____ (17) of August, over 30,000 people come to Buñol, a
 small town near Valencia, Spain, to take part in the *Tomatina*. It all started when unhappy citizens
 threw tomatoes at council members.
 Today it is actually the city council that organizes this messy battle. _____ (18) unload
 their cargo of ripe tomatoes in _____ (19). Excited crowds grab the tomatoes, and the
 fight begins. Soon the walls of houses are covered in red, and participants are _____ (20)
 in tomato juice. The fight lasts for one hour, after which people head for the river to wash.

