

UNIT 9 – FESTIVALS AROUND THE WORLD
WORKSHEET 5**EXERCISE 1: Listen and fill in the blanks.**

Last summer holiday, my family went back to the UK and we went to a music (1) _____ on the Isle of Wight. It is one of the most famous music festivals in our country, which (2) _____ place every June. When we got there, I was (3) _____ by the huge number of people. You know about sixty thousand people went to the (4) _____. We didn't stay at a hotel but put up a tent in the (5) _____. It was lots of fun. We listened to a lot of songs by many (6) _____ such as The Killers and The Stone Roses. Guess what? We met Jon Bon Jovi! He's my dad's (7) _____ singer. He and his band stirred up the (8) _____ in nearly three hours with the hit songs. We also went to the Bohemian Woods, a beautiful (9) _____ down by the river. There we enjoyed a mix of good music from around the world and (10) _____ the busy and noisy festival for a while.

EXERCISE 2: Find the word or phrases does not belong to each group.

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| 1. A. ham | B. flowers | C. tomatoes | D. Spain |
| 2. A. shopping | B. exciting | C. fascinating | D. amazing |
| 3. A. costumes | B. pumpkin | C. Halloween | D. turkey |
| 4. A. celebrate | B. attend | C. held | D. organize |
| 5. A. tradition | B. celebration | C. festival | D. dishes |

EXERCISE 3: Choose the correct answers A, B, C or D.

1. La Tomatina is a seasonal _____ to celebrate the tomato harvest.
A. celebration B. parade C. festival D. game
2. _____ do you like about La Tomatina?
A. What B. Which C. When D. Why
3. Do you _____ anything about music festival called Burning Man?
A. like B. know C. understand D. have
4. _____ do people do at Burning Festival?
A. Why B. Which C. What D. How
5. _____ often is Burning Festival held? - It's held every year.
A. Which B. When C. What D. How
6. _____ does the teacher say La Tomatina sounds unusual?
A. What B. When C. Why D. How
7. _____ festival do you choose? - I choose Elephant Race Festival.
A. What B. How C. Which D. When
8. He thinks elephants are _____ animals.
A. fascinated B. fascinating C. fascinates D. fascinate
9. It must be amazing _____ elephants racing.
A. see B. to see C. seeing D. saw

10. La Tomatina is _____ in Spain, in a small town.

A. holds B. hold C. holding D. held

EXERCISE 4: Choose the correct answer for each gap to complete the following passage.

Brazil's most popular and festive holiday is Carnival. In fact, many people (1) _____ Carnival one of the world's biggest celebrations. Each spring, on the Saturday before Ash Wednesday, the streets of Brazil's largest city, Rio de Janeiro, come alive (2) _____ parties, festivals and glamorous dances.

The Samba School Parade is the highlight of the (3) _____ event. About 3000 performers, in colourful costumes embellished with feathers, beads and thousands of sequin dance down the parade route into the Sambadrome - a dance stadium (4) _____ for the event. Judges award a (5) _____ to the most spectacular group of dancers.

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| 1. A. believe | B. regard | C. consider | D. hope |
| 2. A. with | B. in | C. of | D. at |
| 3. A. four days | B. four-day | C. fouth day | D. four-days |
| 4. A. built | B. build | C. to build | D. building |
| 5. A. result | B. price | C. respect | D. prize |

EXERCISE 5: Read the passage then answer the questions below.

Vietnam's New Year is celebrated according to the Lunar calendar. It is especially known as Tet Nguyen Dan, or Tet. It begins between January twenty-first and February nineteen. The exact date changes from year to year. Vietnamese people usually make preparations for the holiday several weeks beforehand. They tidy their houses, cook special food, clean and make offerings on the family altars. On the New Year's Eve, people sit up to midnight to see New Year in, then they put on new clothes and give one another the greetings of the season. Tet lasts ten days. The first three days are the most important. Vietnamese people believe that how people act during those days will influence the whole year. As a result, they make every effort to avoid arguments and smile as much as possible.

1. What is Vietnam's New Year known as?

2. Is Tet celebrated according to the Lunar calendar?

3. When does the Lunar New Year begin?

4. What do Vietnamese people usually do to prepare for Tet?

5. Do people sit up to midnight on the New Year's Eve?

6. Does Tet last five days?

7. Why are the first three days the most important?

EXERCISE 6: Choose the sentence that has the same meaning as the first.

1. *Despite his inexperience in the field, John applied for the job.*
 - A. John was unable to do the job because he was inexperienced.
 - B. John applied for the job because he has experience in the field.
 - C. John did not apply for the job because of his inexperience in the field.
 - D. John applied for the job even though he has no experience in the field.
2. *In spite of heavy rain, my brother went to work.*
 - A. In spite it rained heavily, my brother went to work.
 - B. Although it rained heavily, my brother went to work.
 - C. Despite it rained heavily, my brother went to work.
 - D. Although of heavy rain, my brother went to work.
3. *He drives more carelessly than he used to.*
 - A. He doesn't drive as carefully as he used to.
 - B. He doesn't drive carefully than he used to.
 - C. He doesn't drive as carefully than he used to.
 - D. He doesn't drive as carefully he does.
4. *No one in our club can speak English as fluently as Mai.*
 - A. Mai speaks English more fluently than no one in our club.
 - B. Mai is the worst English speaker in our club.
 - C. Mai speaks English as fluently as other people in our club.
 - D. Mai speaks English the most fluently in our club.
5. *No one in the class is taller than Dave.*
 - A. Dave is taller student in the class.
 - B. Dave is the tallest student in the class.
 - C. Dave is the taller student in the class.
 - D. Dave is tallest student in the class.
6. *The crowd became increasingly angry at the long delay.*
 - A. The crowd became very angry because the delay was so long.
 - B. The longer the delay was, the angrier the crowd became.
 - C. The more increasingly the crowd became, the longer the delay was.
 - D. The more the crowd became angry at the delay, the longer they feel.
7. *In spite of all our efforts, we failed in the final match.*
 - A. Although we tried very hard, we failed in the final match.
 - B. We made all our efforts so that we could gain success in the final match.
 - C. Whatever efforts we had made, we weren't able to win in the final match.
 - D. We failed in the final match as a result of all our great efforts.
8. *Although old-age pensions have risen considerably, they haven't kept pace with the cost of living.*
 - A. The cost of living is so high that they couldn't keep with it.
 - B. Despite the fact that old-age pensions have risen considerably, the cost of living isn't going down.
 - C. Old-age pensions may have risen considerably, but they haven't kept pace with the cost of living.
 - D. The cost of living hasn't been kept with no matter how high the old-age pensions are.