



UNIT 8: Reading 4th

Celebrating in the Sun

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Many people all over the world celebrate the sun. Sweden is in the north. In winter, nights are long, and days are short. On December 13, people celebrate Lucia Day. It is a festival of lights. People want light on long, dark days!

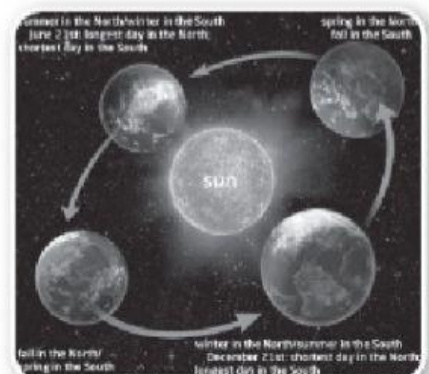


Girls dress up as Lucia. They wear white dresses and wear a candle wreath on their head. Boys dress up as star boys. They wear white clothes and a white hat. They carry stars on sticks. The children sing songs, and people eat cookies and special sweet buns.

In Sweden, the festival of midsummer happens in June. Days are long, and nights are short. People celebrate the longest day of the year and the start of summer. People decorate their homes with flowers and leaves. Many people wear beautiful costumes to the festival. They dance and sing songs. They eat fish, potatoes, fruit, and other foods. People enjoy the sunlight and can forget about the cold, dark winter.



In the north of Sweden, it never gets dark at midsummer.



2 Read. Check **T** for *True* or **F** for *False*.

1. Lucia Day is a festival of stars.
2. Boys dress up as star boys on Lucia Day.
3. Girls wear candle wreaths on their head on Lucia Day.
4. The Swedish festival of midsummer is in December.
5. People dance and sing at the festival of midsummer.

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3 Read. Complete the chart. Then compare your chart with your partner.

	Lucia Day	Midsummer
When is it?		
What is it?	It is a festival of lights.	It is a festival to celebrate the longest day of the year and the start of summer.
What do people do?		

4 Read and write.

1. What do girls wear to dress up as Lucia?

2. What special food do people eat on Lucia Day?

3. What do people eat at the midsummer feast?
