

Reading (5th form)

1. Read the text about Ukrainian traditions.

Dear Sue,

Thank you for your interesting letter. It's always a good chance to learn more about your country and its traditions. I'm going to tell you about some Ukrainian traditions.

There are traditional and public holidays in Ukraine. We usually don't work and study on public holidays. These holidays are Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Easter, and the Constitution Day, Independence Day and Women's Day.

The traditional holidays are St. Nicholas's Day, St. Valentine's Day, Humour Day, the Day of Knowledge, Teacher's Day and other professional holidays. We don't stay at home these days, but we have parties at school.

Christmas is the most beloved holiday among Ukrainians. As a rule, the family usually gathers together for a holiday supper of twelve dishes. The supper starts with the first star in the sky. "Kutya" is the main dish at this supper. It is a dish of wheat, honey, raisings, nuts and poppy seeds. The whole meal is traditionally meatless. People cook beans, mushrooms, cabbage, beetroots and other vegetables, compote of dried fruit and honey cake. "Kolyadka" songs usually end the evening.

All holidays are the days which make everybody happy.

Best wishes,

Ann.

2. Complete the sentences.

1. A letter from your pen-friend is about _____.
2. There are _____ and _____ holidays in Ukraine.
3. We don't study on _____.
4. The most beloved holiday in Ukraine is _____.
5. The family usually gathers together for a holiday supper of _____ dishes.
6. All holidays are the days which _____.

3. Match the parts of the sentences.

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| 1. Christmas is the most | a. beloved holiday in Ukraine. |
| 2. The main dish at Christmas supper is | b. twelve dishes. |
| 3. We don't work and study on | c. the Christmas evening. |
| 4. Ukrainians usually have a traditional holiday supper this consists of | d. "Kutya". |
| 5. Kolyadkas usually end | e. which make everybody happy. |
| 6. All holidays are the days | f. public holidays. |