

In this unit, I will learn to . . .

- talk about celebrations around the world.
- use the simple present of the verb *be* in yes / no questions.
- read to identify the main idea.

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Vocabulary ABC



A. Listen to the audio and read the words.



variety



religion



festival



celebrate



autumn



decorate



go shopping



sunrise

B. Match the sentence halves.

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| 1. I celebrate with a cake | • | a religious holiday. |
| 2. The leaves change | • | we see the sunrise every morning. |
| 3. We wake up so early that | • | so I eat different things. |
| 4. Islam, Buddhism, and Christianity | • | on my birthday. |
| 5. I like variety, | • | are different religions. |
| 6. This festival celebrates | • | color in autumn. |



Simple Present of the verb *Be* in Yes / No Questions

The **simple present** tense of the verb **be** is often used in questions with the answer *yes* or *no*. In the simple present, the verb *be* describes a general or present state.

Example: *Is your birthday in June? Yes, it is. / No, it isn't.*

A. Circle the correct words to complete the questions.

1. (Is / Are) your birthday in January?
2. (Is / Are) the invitations ready?
3. (Is / Are) she from this neighborhood?
4. (Is / Are) your sister 15 years old?

Count and Noncount Nouns

A **count noun** is something that can be counted. The plural of a count noun usually ends in -s or -es.

A **noncount noun** is something that you can't cut into parts and count. Noncount nouns usually do not have a plural form.

Examples:

Count nouns include *book, child, flag, and balloon*.

Noncount nouns include *bread, water, money, humor, weather, education, and furniture*.

<i>some / any / a / an</i>	Example sentences
Use <i>some</i> with count nouns and noncount nouns.	Mexicans take <i>some flowers</i> to the cemetery. They place <i>some food</i> on the altar.
Use <i>any</i> for questions and negative sentences with count nouns and noncount nouns.	Are there <i>any apples</i> left for the cake? We don't have <i>any milk</i> or <i>any cookies</i> . Is there <i>any money</i> to buy more decorations?
Use <i>a / an</i> for singular count nouns.	They also make <i>an offering</i> or <i>a house altar</i> .

B. Choose the correct answer.

- Are there any _____ on the table?
a. flower b. flowers c. a flower
- There is _____ water in the glass.
a. a b. any c. some
- Is there _____ candle on the altar?
a. a b. any c. some
- I can see _____ people at the party.
a. a b. any c. some
- I can't see _____ children at the party.
a. a b. any c. some
- Is there _____ cake left on the table?
a. a b. any c. some