Reading

A | Read and listen.

Festival fun

The next time you are planning a vacation, you might want to think about one of these interesting festivals.

La Tomatina

La Tomatina is basically a huge food fight. It is held in the town of Buñol, near Valencia, in Spain. Thousands of people gather to participate in this huge food fight, where people throw tons of over-ripe tomatoes at one another. The festival is held during the last week in August and also includes music, parades, dancing, fireworks, and a paella-cooking contest. As long as you don't mind getting dirty, this is an experience you won't want to miss.



The Harbin Ice and Snow Festival

The Harbin Ice and Snow Festival is held in Harbin, China. This beautiful winter festival lasts from January through February. The main attraction is an entire world made of ice and snow sculptures, decorated with lights and lasers. There are ice hotels, dog sledding, Siberian tiger-watching safaris, an international snow sculpture art expo—almost any winter activity you can think of. There are even luxury accommodations available if you want to visit this beautiful festival in style.



Holi

Holi is celebrated in early March. It celebrates the triumph of good over evil. Also known as the Festival of Colors, Holi is celebrated all over India, and even in other places throughout the world. Holi is a very carefree and fun festival; it involves throwing colored water at other people, smearing colored powder all over people, having parties, dancing under water sprinklers, and singing folk songs.



B | Read the sentences. Write *LT* (La Tomatina), *SN* (Snow Festival), or *H* (Holi) for each.

1 ___ is one big food fight.
2 ___ is held in the winter.
3 ___ is held in August.
4 ___ is held in March.
5 ___ involves throwing a lot of colors around.
6 ___ has dog sledding.

Listening

A | Listen. Write the number of the speaker next to the correct picture. One picture is not used.

a ___ 

b ___ 

c ___ 

d ___ 

B | Listen again. Choose the correct answers.

1 It's Sandra's **birthday / anniversary** next week.
2 Sandra **likes / doesn't like** birthdays, **does / doesn't** she?
3 Clara **will / can't** help Maria cook for the dinner party.
4 Josh is leaving his job at the end this **week / month**, isn't he?
5 Josh's friends want to take him to the Sunflower Café for **lunch / dinner**.
6 Josh **eats / doesn't eat** meat, **does / doesn't** he?
7 The woman goes to a bakery to order things for her **mother's / sister's** surprise party.
8 She thinks the quiches look **expensive / delicious**.
9 The bakery will deliver the order this **Friday / Saturday**.

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