

UNIT 9

FESTIVALS AROUND THE WORLD

A. PHONETICS

I. Put the words into the correct column depending on the stressed syllable.

perform, culture, describe, manner, machine, country, relax, prefer, village, beauty, compete, happy, begin, season, parade, gravy, prepare, turkey, gather, abroad, amazed, candle, expect, listen, answer, alone, costume, attend, greasy, discuss

Stress on 1 st syllable	Stress on 2 nd syllable
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

II. Rewrite the word to show the stressed syllable in capitals.

Example: picture → PICTure

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| 1. follow _____ | 2. festive _____ |
| 3. allow _____ | 4. ethnic _____ |
| 5. asleep _____ | 6. enjoy _____ |
| 7. finish _____ | 8. music _____ |
| 9. report _____ | 10. Christmas _____ |
| 11. firework _____ | 12. between _____ |
| 13. decide _____ | 14. harvest _____ |
| 15. agree _____ | 16. mistake _____ |

III. Circle the word that has different stress pattern from the others.

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| 1. happen | enter | award | ridden |
| 2. culture | parade | weather | cannon |
| 3. receive | finish | direct | compete |
| 4. visit | famous | wonder | protect |
| 5. critic | event | machine | mistake |

B. VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

I. What festival are they? Write the name of the festival.

Christmas Tet La Tomatina Halloween Thanksgiving
Mid-Autumn Festival Ghost Festival Easter Rio Carnival Diwali

1.  It is the Vietnamese New Year marking the arrival of spring based on the Lunar calendar. _____

2.  It is celebrated on October 31, and children dress up in costumes, visit people's houses and ask for candy or treats. _____

3.  It is a Brazilian festival held before Lent. The highlight of Carnival is the Samba Parade which is not to be missed! _____

4.  It is a religious holiday which celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ. _____

5.  It is a tomato fight festival which takes place in August in Buñol, Spain. _____

6.  It is the Hindu festival of lights, which is celebrated in autumn every year. _____

7.  It is celebrated in Canada and the United States as a day of giving thanks for the blessing of the harvest and the new year. _____

8.  It is a traditional Buddhist festival in which ceremonies are held to welcome the ghosts and spirits. _____

9.  It is held on the 15th day of the 8th lunar month with the fullest moon at night. Mooncakes and lanterns are the features of the festival. _____

10.  It is a holiday which celebrates the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. _____

II. Complete the sentences with the words from the box.

parade celebrations highlight feast chaos
festivals greasy religious seasonal superstitious

1. Christmas is considered the most famous _____ festival of the world.
2. Korean New Year's _____ begin with everyone wearing traditional dress called *hanbok*.
3. Rock in Rio is one of the world's biggest music _____.
4. Pongal is a _____ festival celebrated to mark the harvest of crops and offer a special thanksgiving to God.
5. The Samba _____ is the main attraction of the Rio Carnival celebration.
6. Thanksgiving is traditionally celebrated with a _____ among family and friends.
7. "Ham up a _____ pole" is one of the traditions of La Tomatina.
8. The _____ of Carnival is the Samba Parade which is not to be missed!
9. When a loud signal goes off, trucks loaded with tomatoes enter and then begins the _____.
10. According to _____ belief, Friday the 13th is an unlucky day.

III. Fill in each blank with the correct form of the word in brackets.

1. A masquerade is a _____ gathering of people wearing masks. (festival)
2. We went out for a _____ dinner at a nearby beach restaurant. (celebrate)
3. _____ in a lion dance outfit show off their moves at the Rio Carnival. (perform)
4. The Rio Carnival Samba _____ are known as the greatest show on Earth! (parade)
5. A music festival includes live _____ of singing and musical instrument playing. (perform)
6. Hue Festival is a _____ event that is held every two years. (culture)
7. New Year's Eve is one of the largest global _____ because it marks the last day of the year. (celebrate)
8. The Saint Patrick's Day marchers were _____ up Fifth Avenue. (parade)

IV. Underline the adverbial phrase, and write the question it answers on the line.

1. La Tomanita Festival is held in Spain. Where?
2. She went online for more information about Diwali festival.
3. The Lantern Festival is celebrated on the 15th day of the first lunar month.
4. The Cooper's Hill Cheese-Rolling has been held for around 200 years.
5. The Lim festival takes place every year.
6. The three official festival days are held in a joyful and exciting way.
7. The parade coursed around the town square.

8. Thousands of fans travel to Belgium to attend Tomorrowland. _____
9. Tet is usually celebrated between late January or early February. _____
10. The Ziro Music Festival is celebrated with a lot of energy and enthusiasm. _____

V. Complete the conversation with the adverbial phrases in the box.

on the 15 th day of the 8 th lunar month	in your country
to bring happiness and joy to the kids	in the evening of the day
in some Asian countries	so much
along the streets	every year

- Michael: Is there any festival for children (1) _____, Nam?
- Nam: Oh, yes. It's the Mid-Autumn Festival.
- Michael: When is the Mid-Autumn Festival held?
- Nam: It is held (2) _____
- Michael: Where is it celebrated besides Vietnam?
- Nam: It is also celebrated (3) _____, such as China, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, etc.
- Michael: How often does this festival take place?
- Nam: It takes place (4) _____
- Michael: What is the purpose of this festival?
- Nam: The main purpose of celebration is (5) _____
- Michael: How is the Mid-Autumn Festival celebrated in Vietnam?
- Nam: (6) _____, when the moon is rising, children pour into streets carrying their beautiful lanterns, singing and parading (7) _____. They also have a chance to enjoy lots of delicious candies and mooncakes. They're all happy and enjoy the day (8) _____.

VI. Fill in each blank with a suitable question words.

1. _____ is the most important festival in Vietnam? - Tet or Tet Nguyen Dan.
2. _____ is Saint Patrick's Day celebrated? - On 17 March.
3. _____ is La Tomatina festival held? - In Buñol town, Spain.
4. _____ does Hue Festival take place? - Every two years.
5. _____ people attend Oktoberfest Festival every year? - More than 6 million.
6. _____ does the Carnival in Rio de Janeiro last? - For five days.
7. _____ come to the Cannes Film Festival? - Film directors, stars, and critics.
8. _____ of festivals is Glastonbury? - It's a music festival.
9. _____ do people go to music festivals? - Because they love music.
10. _____ is Diwali celebrated? - It's celebrated with music, lights, and fireworks.

VII. Make questions for the underlined parts.

1. Tomorrowland is an electronic dance music festival.

2. The Songkran Festival is usually celebrated between 13 and 16 April.

3. Vietnamese people go to pagodas at Tet to pray for a year of good luck and happiness.

4. Diwali is celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world.

5. The Vietnamese celebrate Tet with family gatherings, traditional foods, and lion dances.

6. The festival site is three miles from the nearest town of Shepton Mallet.

7. During Tet, children and the elderly receive lucky money put in red envelopes.

8. It cost about £400 to go to Glastonbury Festival last year.

9. Many people went to Han River to witness the Danang International Fireworks Festival.

10. Jean visits Dalat every two years to attend the Dalat Flower Festival.

VIII. Fill in each blank with a correct preposition.

1. Elephant Race Festival is held _____ Dak Lak province.
2. At La Tomatina, people throw tomatoes _____ each other.
3. Halloween is celebrated _____ October 31st.
4. Thanksgiving originated _____ a harvest festival.
5. _____ Christmas Eve, we sit in front of the fire and read Christmas stories.
6. The custom of giving eggs _____ Easter celebrates new life.
7. We decorated our Christmas tree _____ red bows and colorful ornaments.
8. La Tomatina is held _____ the last Wednesday of August every year.
9. Hoi Mua Festival is held to thank the Rice God _____ the crop and to pray _____ better crops in the future.
10. _____ the morning, many people tried to climb _____ the pole to get the ham.

C. SPEAKING

I. Complete the dialogue with appropriate sentences. Write the letters of the sentences (A - G).

- A. How do the Scot celebrate Hogmanay?
- B. I've always wanted to spend New Year in Scotland.
- C. Was the street crowded with people?
- D. What did you do for your holidays last year?
- E. What else happened at the Hogmanay celebration?
- F. Did you go to the street party?
- G. Oh, what a night!

Jane: I can't wait for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Andrew: Me too. (1) _____

Jane: Well, I spent time with my family at Christmas. And then I flew to Edinburgh to visit some friends and spend my New Year holiday with them.

Andrew: Lucky you! (2) _____

Jane: In Scotland, they call New Year's Eve Hogmanay and it's the most fun.

Andrew: (3) _____

Jane: They celebrate it with street parties, concerts, fireworks and fire spectaculars.

Andrew: (4) _____

Jane: Yes, of course. We went to Princes Street for a massive street party.

Andrew: (5) _____

Jane: Yes, very ... I heard there were about 80,000 people in attendance.

Andrew: (6) _____

Jane: There were loads of bands playing different live music, a laser show and a huge fireworks display at midnight from the Edinburgh castle.

Andrew: (7) _____

Jane: It's my most memorable holiday. You should go and spend New Year in Scotland.

II. Put the dialogue into the correct order.

___ I think it should be Day of the Dead.

___ It is celebrated in Mexico, Ecuador, Guatemala in November 1st.

1. Hello Dan. What are you doing?

___ Fantastic! Can I borrow your book once you finish reading it?

___ Hi. I'm reading a book about festivals in the world.

___ What do people do in this festival?

___ Cool! Which festival do you find most impressive?

- ___ They decorate their homes and gravesites with food, candles, candy skulls and flowers to welcome the dead back to earth. They also dress up as skeletons and parade through the streets.
- ___ Day of the Dead? Where is it celebrated?
- ___ Sure.

D. READING

I. Complete the passage with the words from the box.

other	carved	trick-or-treating	fun
unwanted	comes	costumes	frightening

Halloween is celebrated on October 31, and many people, including children, dress up in (1)_____, visit people's houses, and ask for candy. This is called (2)_____.

There are (3)_____ traditions at Halloween. People have parties in their houses. You can dress up in scary costumes for (4)_____, but your costume doesn't have to be scary. In the USA, many people wear costumes that aren't (5)_____.

People also tell scary stories at Halloween or play games like bobbing for apples. Some people make jack-o'-lanterns, (6)_____ pumpkins with candles inside, and put them inside or outside their houses. It's unclear where this tradition (7)_____ from. Some historians believe that in the past, they were used to scare away (8)_____ visitors or travelers. Jack-o'-lanterns are now chiefly associated with Halloween.

II. Read the text carefully, then do the tasks.

Holi, known as the festival of colours, is the Hindu festival celebrated by Hindus all over Asia and also by the people from some parts of Europe and North America. It is mainly observed in India and Nepal.

Holi commemorates the victory of good over evil, marks the arrival of Spring, and a time to give thanks for the good harvest. The dates change each year according to the full moon, but it is normally in March and sometimes in late February and lasts for a night and a day.

Traditional Holi celebrations start the night before Holi with a Holika Dahan where people gather around a bonfire and perform religious rituals praying that evil will be destroyed. The next morning is a free-for-all festival of colours. People chase each other, smear each other with paint, throw coloured paint powder over each other, and drench each other with coloured water. Some people carry water guns and coloured water-filled balloons for their water fight. In the evening, people visit houses of their friends and relatives and share sweets and other food items.

A. Decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F).

1. The 'festival of colours' is another name for Holi.

2. Only Hindus celebrate Holi.
3. Holi is celebrated on 1 March – the first official day of spring.
4. Holi activities start early in the morning.
5. The famous festival of colours is the second day of Holi.
6. Water guns and water-filled balloons are also used to play and colour each other.

B. Answer the questions.

1. Where is Holi mainly celebrated?

2. When does Holi take place?

3. How long does the festival last?

4. Why is Holi festival celebrated?

5. How do people celebrate Holika Dahan?

6. What do people do on the day of Holi?

E. WRITING

I. Arrange the words to make sentences meaningful.

1. carnival / Rio / has / famous / the / most / in / the / world.

2. festival / when / the / starts / people / square / gather / in / the / town.

3. the / starts / festival / with / opening / parade / an / where / walk / people / the / streets / through.

4. than / 2 million / there / people / in / are / more / the / streets / on / during / Rio / the / carnival.

5. highlight / the / main / carnival / is / of / samba / the / parade / samba / two hundred / with / the / schools.

6. we / have / and / parties / other / throughout / festival / celebrations / the.

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7. Diwali / of / festival / five-day / celebrated / across / lights / is / the / by / millions / Hindus / the / world / of.

8. houses / celebrate / are / candles / decorated / with / to / colourful / Diwali / and / lights.

II. Write the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first one. Use the word in brackets.

1. When did people hold the first Cannes Film Festival? (held)
When _____
2. More than 70 samba schools participated in the five-day carnival. (part)
More than 70 samba schools _____
3. Omizutori is the oldest festival in Japan. (than)
No festival _____
4. The music festival was held although the weather was bad yesterday. (spite)
The music festival _____
5. I can't wait to watch the samba parade in Rio Carnival. (forward)
I am _____
6. The date for La Tomatina is the last Wednesday of August. (place)
La Tomatina _____
7. Thousands of people lined the streets because they wanted to watch the massive colourful parade. (in order to)
Thousands of people _____
8. The festival took place in a remote area. However, a lot of people attended it. (although)

TEST FOR UNIT 9

I. Choose the word that has the underlined part pronounced differently from the others.

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| 1. a. religious | b. highlight | c. firework | d. lively |
| 2. a. <u>fe</u> st | b. gre <u>a</u> sy | c. gr <u>ea</u> t | d. se <u>a</u> sonal |
| 3. a. <u>ch</u> aos | b. <u>ch</u> ance | c. <u>sch</u> ool | d. <u>Ch</u> ristmas |
| 4. a. call <u>ed</u> | b. gather <u>ed</u> | c. play <u>ed</u> | d. watch <u>ed</u> |
| 5. a. <u>c</u> arnival | b. fasc <u>i</u> nate | c. <u>c</u> elebrate | d. exc <u>i</u> ting |

II. Choose the word that has different stress pattern.

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| 1. a. carnival | b. festival | c. holiday | d. Thanksgiving |
| 2. a. enjoy | b. special | c. culture | d. worship |