

PRE-LISTENING

There are some vocabularies that will appear on the recording. Let's guess the meaning of each vocabulary by dragging its meaning equivalent to the vocabulary.

Sort elements

- a special event that people organize in order to celebrate something
- mentioning somebody/something
- the state of being similar to somebody/something but not exactly the same
- existing at the beginning of a particular period, process or activity
- a belief, custom or way of doing something that has existed for a long time among a particular group of people; a set of these beliefs or customs

similarity (noun):	
tradition (noun):	
celebration (noun):	
original (adj):	
reference (noun):	

Answer the following questions with NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER for each answer.

Question 6: What else are the students going to research?

Question 7: How many countries do they know of where festivals involve water?

Question 8: What three meanings can water have?

Question 9: What do water festivals celebrate?

Question 10: How are the Carnival and the seasons linked?

VOCABULARY PRACTICE

Let's listen to the recording again and fill in blanks below

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Tutor: Mmm ... yes, that **1** sense. Er ... did you look into any other **2** ?

Jack: Yes, we did! What we're planning to do is more **3** into water festivals. We found that in Asian countries, where there aren't any carnival **4** , there are still festivals that involve people **5** each other with water. Actually, we've found **6** to them in Burma, Thailand, Vietnam, China and Japan. But we also found a reference to a water festival in Mexico. So we thought we'd look into that a bit more and see if we can find any **7** between these countries. Ummm ... I mean, we realized that water is more than just a way of **8** people down in hot weather. It also has a lot of different **9** meanings and purposes. For instance, we found that, in some **10** , water can mean life, or wealth, or just luck.

Alice: Yes ... and another thing we found out is that these water festivals often celebrate the beginning of the new year, just like the **11** celebrations hundreds of years ago before the carnival. So ... umm up to now, we've found that the carnival and the seasons are **12** by ancient **13** and that water plays in **14** part in the **15** .