

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

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 .