

## Festivals

**1** Read the introduction to the article and answer the questions.

1 What do people celebrate in Argentina on 30 July?

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2 What two things are people doing to celebrate it?

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# How and what are you celebrating?

It's 30 July and in Argentina they're celebrating 'Friend's Day'. Friends are coming together and some of them are giving each other presents. It's a popular celebration here in Argentina, but what about other celebrations around the world?



'Today in Thailand we're having a big water fight! It's the Songkran Water festival. Everyone throws water at each other in the street for three days! We do it to celebrate the traditional Thai New Year. At the moment many people are also travelling because they want to spend this festival time with their families. They are also trying to stay dry!'



'If you want to stay clean then don't come to Delhi at the moment. It's the Holi festival of colours, and people are throwing coloured powder at everyone in the street! There are many different reasons why people celebrate Holi, but it's mostly to be happy about good things in the world. We're laughing and having lots of fun. The people look beautiful too, I think.'



Manisha

'I'm in Albuquerque in the USA, and today I'm at the huge balloon fiesta with my friends. Lots of people are throwing balloons in the air. They are all different shapes, sizes and colours. The sky looks really cool!'



Jay



Brett

'Welcome to the Sculpture by the Sea event. Once a year, local artists show their sculptures along 2 km of Bondi beach, a famous beach in Sydney. People are out with their families looking at the art and visiting local cafés. It's a brilliant way to spend a summer's evening.'

I can understand an article about festivals

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**2** Read the article again and answer the questions.

- 1 Who throws water at people during Songkran? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 What does Songkran traditionally celebrate? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 How does Manisha describe what people look like? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 What is in the sky in Albuquerque?  
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- 5 What can people see on Bondi beach?  
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**3** Match comments 1–8 with sentences a–h.

- 1  c I don't sleep very well.
- 2  This book isn't interesting at all!
- 3  I can hear a terrible noise outside.
- 4  My computer isn't working – again!
- 5  My dad is singing in front of my friends.
- 6  We're going on holiday.
- 7  I'm watching a documentary.
- 8  I'm just sitting in the sun with my book.

- a It's interesting.                      e I'm relaxed.
- b I'm embarrassed.                    f It's annoying.
- c ~~I'm tired.~~                              g I'm frightened.
- d It's boring.                                h It's exciting.

#### 4 Choose the correct option.

- 1 When my brother tells a joke it's *embarrassed* / *embarrassing*!
- 2 James works from 6.30 a.m. until 7.30 p.m. His job is *tired* / *tiring*.
- 3 My sister often takes my clothes without asking. I get very *annoying* / *annoyed*.
- 4 I love the new horror film – it's very *frightened* / *frightening*.
- 5 Jake doesn't like romantic films. He gets *boring* / *bored* when he watches one.