CULTURE

HOLIDAYS IN UKRAINE

FACTFILE Holidays in Ukraine

On public holidays in Ukraine, people don't go to work or school. Some people stay at home, and some visit their friends and relatives and have fun. Some go to concerts and festivals. Also, Ukrainians may cook special meals and wear special clothes.

The popular public holidays in Ukraine are:

- New Year's Day
- Christmas
- International Women's Day
- Ukrainian Independence Day

1 Look at the photos 1-4. Listen and repeat the words.



to sing carols



to get flowers



to wear vyshyvankas



to wear fancy dress

2 Match the photos 1-4 from Exercise 1 to the holidays:

a New Year's Day ____
b Christmas ____
c International Women's Day ____
d Ukrainian Independence Day ____

3 What dates are *New Year's Day*, *Women's Day*, and *Ukrainian Independence Day*? Read the web page and check.

4 Read the web page again and write the holidays from the posts.

1 People decorate New Year trees on …
2 People celebrate … at home or go to a café.
3 People see beautiful fireworks on … and on …
4 We say 'Thank you' to all women on …
5 People have parties on …
6 People go and see parades on …

Hi boys and girls!

My friend from the UK is asking about public holidays in Ukraine. Can you write about your favourite Ukrainian holidays?

Hi. I'm Andrii. My favourite holiday is New Year's Day. It is on 1st January, but we start to celebrate it in the evening on 31st December. People celebrate this holiday with family or friends. They wear fancy dress and have parties. In my family, we usually decorate the New Year tree and put presents under it. In the evening, we have a big meal together. At midnight, we say 'Happy New Year!' to each other and have fun. Oh, and there are fireworks all over the place!



5 Write the missing letters in the words.

1 s__e__s
2 the N__ __ Y__a__ t__ __ __
3 a __u__ __f c__f__ __e
4 p__ __s__ __t__
5 __a__rs

Look at the highlighted words on the web page

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Hi. I'm Mykola. My favourite holiday is Ukrainian Independence Day. It's in summer, on 24th August. On this day, my country celebrates its birthday. In the morning, a lot of people go and see parades in their towns and cities. They wear vyshyvankas and hold Ukrainian flags. There are concerts and holiday fairs on squares and streets. In the evening, you can see beautiful fireworks in the sky.





Hello. My name is Olena and my favourite holiday is International Women's Day. We celebrate it on 8th March. Why do I like it? Because on this day, we say 'Thank you' to our mothers, grandmothers, sisters, and all women for their hard work, love and care! Women and girls get flowers from their families, friends, and colleagues. People can celebrate this day at home or go to a café for a nice cup of coffee with sweets.



INTERESTING FACT!

People in Ukraine can celebrate Christmas on 25th December and 7th January. December 25th is a public holiday in Ukraine now, like in the UK and the USA.

6 Listen to Kate and put the photos in the correct order.









7 Listen to Kate again. Answer *a* or *b*.

1 Ukrainians start to celebrate Christmas on …
a 6th January **b** 7th January
2 Ukrainians have a Christmas meal with ….
a their friends **b** their family
3 There are … dishes on the holiday table.
a twelve **b** twenty
4 Young people and children sing carols and get …
a money and sweets **b** kutia

PROJECT *A web page*

In small groups, write a web page about your favourite public holiday in Ukraine. Use the questions as headings. Answer the questions on the web page. Find photos or draw pictures for your web page.

1) When is the holiday?
2) What is the holiday for?
3) How do people celebrate it?
4) What special food do people eat?

Present your web page to the class.

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