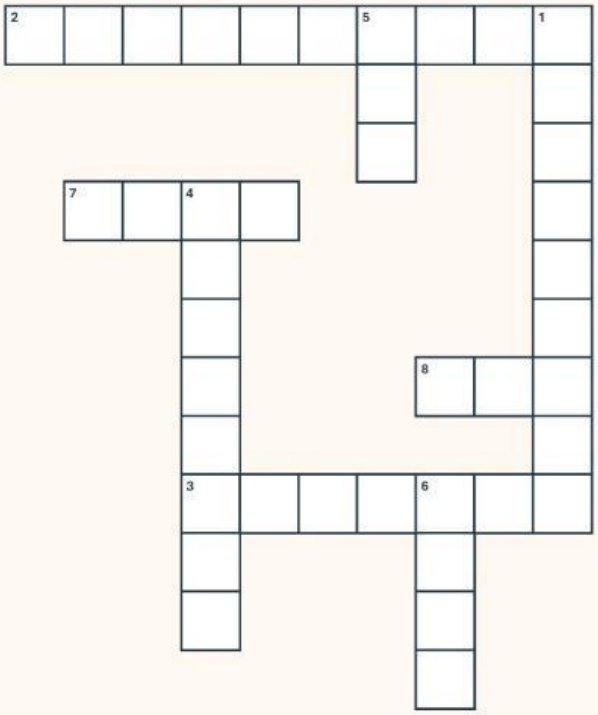
ACTIVITY A | FESTIVAL CROSSWORD CHALLENGE

Complete each clue with the simple past tense. Write one letter in each crossword box.



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1. Bright red lanterns _____ the entrance to Mei Lin's house. (decorate)

4. Daniel _____ a surprise gift at the Christmas party. (receive)

5. I _____ the dumpling too quickly and nearly burned my tongue! (eat)

6. Uncle Hakim _____ a family photograph before the feast. (take)

ACROSS

2. The neighbourhood _____ Chinese New Year with a lion dance. (celebrate)

3. Sarah _____ her grandparents during Hari Raya. (visit)

7. Arjun _____ a bright blue kurta for Deepavali. (wear)

8. Priya _____ the oil lamps outside her home. (light)

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ACTIVITY B | PAST-TENSE FESTIVAL STORIES

SECTION A · Read Joanne's Chinese New Year experience and complete the verbs in brackets.

SECTION A · CHINESE NEW YEAR

The Dumpling Disaster

Last Chinese New Year, Mei Lin (1) _____ (invite) me to celebrate with her family. I (2) _____ (feel) nervous because I had never joined their celebration before. She smiled and said, "You belong here, too!"

When I (3) _____ (arrive), red lanterns swayed above the doorway and the smell of pineapple tarts filled the air. Mei Lin's grandmother (4) _____ (ask) if I wanted to help her make dumplings. I eagerly (5) _____ (take) a piece of dough, but my dumpling looked like a squashed pillow! Everyone (6) _____ (laugh), including me.

Her grandmother (7) _____ (show) me how to fold it properly. After several tries, I finally made a neat dumpling. Later, we (8) _____ (eat) together and shared funny stories. As I walked home, I realised that the best part of the day was feeling welcomed by a new family.

Writing tip: Look for time clues and check irregular verbs.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

ACTIVITY B | PAST-TENSE FESTIVAL STORIES

SECTION B · Read this fictional festival experience and complete the verbs in brackets.

SECTION B · LA TOMATINA (SPAIN)

The Great Tomato Surprise

Last August, my cousin Sofia and I (1) _____ (travel) to Buñol, Spain, for La Tomatina. We (2) _____ (wake) up early and walked towards the town centre. The streets were crowded, and I could hear people laughing excitedly. I (3) _____ (wear) an old white T-shirt because Sofia warned me that it would not stay white for long.

Before the festival began, a friendly volunteer (4) _____ (remind) us to squash the tomatoes before throwing them. Then the tomato fight started! Someone (5) _____ (throw) a soft tomato towards Sofia, but it (6) _____ (hit) my shoulder instead. I was so surprised that I nearly dropped my goggles. Sofia (7) _____ (laugh) until her face turned red.

Soon, we (8) _____ (join) the fun and carefully threw squashed tomatoes at one another. When the event ended, we (9) _____ (find) a place to wash off the tomato juice. I (10) _____ (look) at my stained shirt and smiled. I went home with a funny story and a wonderful memory.

Culture note: La Tomatina takes place in Buñol, Spain.

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ACTIVITY C | MY TIME-TRAVEL FESTIVAL ESSAY

Imagine your time machine took you to a festival in the past. Write an essay of at least 100 words.

100+ WORDS · 2–3 PARAGRAPHS

1 CHOOSE YOUR FESTIVAL

Chinese New Year • Deepavali • Hari Raya Aidilfitri
Christmas • Easter • La Tomatina

2 BUILD A STORY WITH A CLEAR FLOW

BEGINNING Where and when did you arrive? Who did you meet? How did you feel?

MIDDLE Describe what happened. Include one surprising, funny or meaningful moment, and explain how you reacted.

ENDING How did the experience end? What did you learn about the festival or its people?

CHECK: 100+ words • Simple past tense • Sequence words • Clear ending

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ACTIVITY C | MY FESTIVAL STORY | WRITING PAGE

Write your final essay below. Give it an interesting title and write at least 100 words.

Name: _____ Class: _____

My title: _____

Word count: _____

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