

Describing festivals and celebrations practice questions

Take turns asking each other questions from your section below (also using the follow-up questions in brackets if the first answer is short).

Student A

1. Are events from history remembered at particular times of year in your country? (How much do people know about such historical events?)
2. Are fireworks associated with any times of year in your country? (Are they also used at other times?)
3. Are there any days which children in your country particularly enjoy? (Why?)
4. Are there any traditions related to weather in your country? (What is the connection?)
5. Are there any times of year in your country when people eat and/ or drink more than usual? (What do they tend to eat and drink?)
6. Do you do anything for good luck at particular times of year? (Do you think it works?)
7. Do you celebrate the end of one year or the beginning of the next? (Is that common?)
8. How do people usually celebrate birthdays in your country? (Does that vary?)
9. When did you last attend a festival or celebration? (How was it?)
10. Which festival in your country would you most recommend to foreign visitors? (Why?)

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Student B

11. Are there celebrations or ceremonies at special ages in your country? (What ages?)
12. Are there any times when cleaning the house is traditional? (How common is that nowadays?)
13. Do you know many songs that are sung at certain times? (How well known are they?)
14. Do you like having celebrations in your home? (What kinds do you like best?)
15. Do you spend more money at particular times of year? (What do you spend it on?)
16. Have you ever had a lucky charm? (Where did it come from?)
17. Have you ever paid to learn your fortune? (What method was involved?)
18. How common is fasting in your country? (Why not?/ When does it tend to happen?)
19. How often are traditional clothes worn in your country? (Can you give an example?)
20. Would you say that people in your country are superstitious? (Can you give an example?)

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Student C

21. Are there any romantic times of year in your country? (What makes them romantic?)
22. Are there many foods which are associated with particular festivals or celebrations in your country? (Can you give one example?)
23. Do you have a favourite festival or celebration? (What happens there?)
24. Do you like putting up decorations? (What are your favourite and/ or least favourite?)
25. How traditional would your perfect wedding be? (What things would you change?)
26. How well do you know the reasons for public holidays? (Can you give an example?)
27. Is there a festival that scares kids in your country? (Why do such festivals exist?)
28. What is the most famous festival in your local area? (What makes it different from other festivals?)
29. When will you next attend a festival or celebration? (Are you looking forward to it?)
30. Which day would you consider to be your national day? (Do most people agree?)