

Discussing celebrations with gradable and extreme adjectives

Use these words to describe festivals/ celebrations/ ceremonies. Does everyone agree?

- annoying or irritating/ infuriating
- bad/ awful, dreadful, disastrous or terrible
- big or large/ gigantic, huge, massive or enormous
- bored/ stupefied
- boring/ mind-numbing or stupefying
- busy/ rushed off my feet
- cool or cold/ freezing or frozen
- crowded/ packed or cram-packed
- depressing or sad/ heart-breaking
- different or distinctive/ unique
- difficult, hard or tricky/ impossible
- disappointed/ devastated
- disappointing/ devastating
- drunk, merry, or tipsy/ wasted, wrecked, or blotto
- excited/ thrilled
- exciting/ thrilling
- expensive or pricey/ exorbitant
- frightened or scared/ terrified or petrified
- frightening or scary/ terrifying or petrifying
- full/ stuffed
- funny/ hilarious
- good/ great, brilliant, fantastic, fabulous, terrific or splendid
- hot or warm/ baking, boiling or roasting
- important or necessary/ crucial, vital or essential
- impressed/ awed
- impressive/ awe inspiring
- little or small/ tiny, miniscule or minute
- loud or noisy/ ear-splitting
- memorable/ unforgettable
- moving/ heart-wrenching
- nice or pleasant/ charming, lovely or delightful
- old/ ancient
- rich or wealthy/ loaded or filthy rich
- silly/ idiotic or ridiculous
- special/ exceptional
- surprised/ amazed, astonished or stunned
- surprising/ amazing, astonishing, stunning or unbelievable
- tasty/ delicious, mouth-watering or lip-smacking
- tired/ exhausted
- tiring/ exhausting
- unpleasant/ revolting
- yucky/ revolting, sickening or repulsive

Choose a topic below and try to agree on a description using words above and these:

- **absolutely/ totally**
- **extremely/ incredibly**
- **very**
- **fairly**
- **a little/ not very/ not so**
- **not... at all/ totally un...**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● April Fool's Day ● Armistice Day/ Remembrance Day/ War Memorial Day/ Poppy Day ● autumn equinox ● birthday party ● Boxing Day ● Buddha's birthday/ Vesak ● Burning Man ● Carnival/ Mardi Gras ● Children's Day/ Children's festival (the twelve days of) Christmas ● Christmas Day ● Christmas Eve ● Coming of Age Day ● Constitution Day/ Independence Day ● Diwali ● Easter Sunday ● Easter week ● Eid (ul Fitr) ● Emperor's birthday/ Empress's King's birthday/ Queen's birthday ● Father's Day ● (Spanish) fiesta ● Fire Festival ● first communion ● Gay Pride ● Glastonbury ● "Golden Week" ● Good Friday ● Halloween ● Flower viewing ● Hanukkah ● harvest festivals ● Holi ● Krampusnacht ● La Tomatina tomato throwing festival ● Lent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lunar New Year/ Chinese New Year ● May Day ● Mother's Day ● National holidays/ Bank holidays ● New Year ● New Year's Day ● New Year's Eve ● Oktoberfest ● parades ● Peppero Day/ Pocky Day ● Purim ● Quinceañera ● Ramadan ● retirement celebrations ● Running of the Bulls ● Sabbath/ Shabbat ● Saint Patrick's Day ● Setsubun bean throwing festival ● Sex reveal party ● Shrove Tuesday/ Pancake Day ● Snow Festival ● Stag night/ Hen night/ Bachelor party ● spring equinox ● street festivals ● Tanabata ● Teachers' Day ● Tet/ Vietnamese New Year ● Thanksgiving ● Valentine's Day ● water throwing festival ● wedding anniversary ● wedding ceremony ● wedding reception ● "White Day" ● Whitsun ● Yom Kippur
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Discussion questions

Ask your partner a question from below and see if you have the same their opinions, experiences, etc:

- How annoying is Gay Pride to conservatives?
- How bad is it if you forget to do lucky things on the right days?
- How big are wedding anniversary celebrations/ most Valentine's Day presents/ engagement celebrations?
- How boring are most graduation ceremonies/ is the Queen's speech/ are the president's speeches?
- How busy is it during/ before/ after the New Year period?
- How cold or hot is it on Xmas Day/ when people most often watch fireworks?
- How crowded are most street festivals/ shops before Christmas?
- How different are summer festivals in different places/ are Chinese New Year and New Year in your country?
- How difficult is it for people to fast?
- How disappointed are people if you forget their birthday/ anniversary?
- How drunk do most people get at wedding receptions/ on St Patrick's Day/ during New Year?
- How exciting are most children's birthday parties?
- How expensive are most weddings?
- How frightened do young children get during setsubun bean throwing/ Halloween/ The Day of the Dead/ Black Santa/ Krampusnacht?
- How full are people after Christmas dinner/ after Thanksgiving dinner/ after birthday parties/ on Shrove Tuesday?
- How funny is April Fool's Day?
- How good are most people about keeping their New Year's resolutions/ fasting (at Ramadan)/ giving things up (for Lent)/ losing weight after...?
- How important is the day that people come of age/ Buddha's birthday/ the head of state's birthday/ May Day?
- How impressive are most parades/ fireworks displays?
- How interesting are most parades/ (street) processions?
- How loud are street festivals/ traditional musicians?
- How memorable are most people's fifteenth birthday parties?
- How moving are war memorial ceremonies?
- How old are most local festivals?
- How sad are people about spending birthdays/ Xmas/ New Year on their own?
- How scared are pets during fireworks displays?
- How scary are most Halloween costumes and decorations?
- How special are 18th/ 20th/ 60th/ 77th/ 80th/ 100th birthday parties?
- How surprising are most birthday presents?
- How tasty is the food during winter festivals?
- How tiring is it to take part in parades/ prepare for a children's birthday party?
- How unpleasant are tricks that people do on April Fool's/ stag nights/ hen nights?