PROPÓSITO:

Que el estudiante aprenda a describir algunas festividades y celebraciones.

MOTIVACIÓN:



Match the celebrations to the pictures 1–4.

Valentine's Day Halloween Carnival Independence Day

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What other festivals do you know? Write a list in your notebook.

Listen to these people talking about celebrations. Complete the chart in your notebook.

Celebration	Place	Time	Activities

Listen again and complete the sentences.

a. Independence Day ___ Colombia is ___ July 10th.
b. Halloween is ___ October. It is ___ October 31st.
c. Easter ___ Mexico lasts two weeks.
d. ___ the USA, people celebrate Saint Valentine's Day ___ February 14th.

EXPLICACIÓN:

Read about the celebrations and match them to the pictures.

Thanksgiving Day: In the United States, this special celebration is in November (on the fourth Thursday). It's a holiday in the United States and they celebrate the harvest. At lunch time, families get together to eat a traditional Thanksgiving meal of turkey and pumpkin pie. It's a special time when families can be together.



Chinese New Year celebrations: In China, these celebrations start on the 23rd day of the 12th lunar month of the Chinese calendar. This festival ends on the 15th day of the first lunar month in the following year in the Chinese calendar. The streets are decorated with red lanterns and there are parades and fireworks. Traditionally people give children money in red envelopes - red is a lucky colour. Many people clean their homes to welcome the new year.





Christmas: In Colombia, Christmas is celebrated on December 24th. Families get together, sing carols and eat turkey or pork. The house has decorations, such as lights, a Christmas tree and a Nativity scene. At midnight, they give presents to each other.

Read the text again and answer the questions.

a. What is celebrated in the United States on the fourth Thursday in November?
b. What is the traditional way to celebrate Thanksgiving?
c. Name four ways the Chinese celebrate the New Year.
d. What is special about the colour red in China?
e. When do Colombians celebrate Christmas?
f. When do Colombians give presents?

Complete the phrases a-i with the correct verb from the box.

celebrate	dance	decorate	give	have (x2)	set off	visit	wear

a. _____ traditional food
b. _____ fireworks
c. _____ presents
d. _____ the streets
e. _____ costumes
f. _____ the family
g. _____ a meal
h. _____ a special occasion
i. _____ in the streets

Complete the sentences with phrases from exercise 8.

a. At Christmas, many people _____ such as turkey and Christmas cake.
b. We usually _____ by having a party.
c. At New Year in many countries, people _____ to celebrate by lighting up the sky.
d. At Carnival, people _____ and parade through the streets.
e. In many countries, people _____ at midnight on Christmas Eve.
f. At Chinese New Year, people _____ with red lanterns.

Listen and write the words you hear from exercise 8 in your notebook.

58 11. Say it!

Listen and repeat.

Ordinal numbers.

first second third fourth fifth
tenth sixteenth twenty-seventh thirty-first

Listen and write the numbers you hear in your notebook.



EJERCICIOS:

3. In your notebook, write information about these celebrations.

Celebrations	Day	Activities
Mother's Day		
Father's Day		
Teacher's Day		
Student's Day		

Share the ideas from exercise 13 with a classmate. Are they similar? What are the differences?

With another pair of students, share the similarities and differences of how you celebrate the special occasions in exercise 13.

Invent your own special occasion. Write notes under the headings below. Then write a paragraph describing the celebration. Use the texts on page 73 and the activities in exercise 8 to help you.

Name of the celebration:
Place:
Date / Time:
Activities:



Listen to the interviews and complete the questions with the correct word.

a. When does Stacey go ___ holiday?
b. Where does she ____ go?
c. What does she do on ____?
d. How ____ does Wesley go on holiday?
e. Where ____ he go to?

Now listen again and answer the questions in exercise 3 in your notebook.

Example:
When does Stacey go on holiday?
She goes on holiday at the end of August.

Glossary

actually = en realidad
nowadays = actualmente

Useful expressions

I'm sorry I'm late.
That's fine.
Can I ask you a few questions.
Well, actually ...
Nowadays, ...
Let's talk about ...
No problem.

Read the *Useful language* box and put the words in order to make questions.

a. live / does / Where / Charlie ?
b. time / do / What / to bed / they / go ?
c. many / does / How / holidays / have / she ?
d. skiing / you / Who / do / with / go ?
e. do / holiday / they / on / How / go/ often ?
f. camping / When / go / they / do ?

Useful language

Wh- questions are used to ask more specific information:
Where ... ? (place)
What ... ? (object)
Who ... ? (person)
When ... ? (date / time)
How often ... ? (frequency)

EVALUACIÓN:

Read the text and the sentences. Then say if sentences a-f are true (T) or false (F)?

Budi's job is a holiday. What do I mean? Well, 21-year-old Budi loves surfing and guess what his job is. Yes, he's a surf instructor. I met up with him to find out what it's like to love your job so much!

What do you do every day, Budi?
Well, I get up early and check the weather. When it's very rainy, we cancel lessons. Here it's usually sunny and windy - perfect for surfing. After breakfast, I go to the beach to prepare the boards.

What time do you start lessons?
The first one is at 9:00 AM. Each lesson is one hour.

How often do you have a break?
We have 30-minute break at 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM and two hours for lunch. In the summer holidays it's busy all day, but other times, we may only have three or four lessons.

When do you do your own surfing?
I love surfing alone in the evening when the sun comes down. Sunsets are amazing here!



Who do you work with?
There are six of us who work together. We're all good friends.

Where do you live?
The surf club has houses on the beach, so the surf instructors all live there.

What do you think of your job?
It's a brilliant job to have. I'm so lucky.

a. Budi is on holiday at the moment.
b. They have surf lessons in the rain.
c. The first lesson finishes at 10:00 AM.
d. They don't have a break in the morning.
e. The summer is always very busy.
f. Budi surfs in the evening with six friends.

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