

12A Holidays

Activity 1

- A** A: What do you know about each holiday?
B: I think on Independence Day, people have picnics.
A: Yes, and they also watch fireworks.

A: In your country, when do people have fireworks?
B: People have fireworks on New Year's Eve. How about in your country?
A: Fireworks are popular during Summer Festival.

A: When do you celebrate with a special family meal?
B: We always have a special family meal on New Year's Day.
A: My family does, too.

A: Is there a special holiday for people in love?
B: In Japan, we celebrate White Day one month after Valentine's Day. On this day, men give gifts, like white chocolates, to women.

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- B** A: When is Halloween?
B: I think it's celebrated on October 31.

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- C** A: What do you know about these holidays?
B: On Halloween, children wear costumes.
C: I think adults wear costumes, too.
D: That's right. Many adults like to have Halloween parties and wear costumes.

A: Do you have similar holidays in your country? When are they?
B: We have a New Year's holiday, but it's usually sometime in February.
C: That's right. It depends on the Chinese calendar.
D: We celebrate Independence Day, but it's in January.

A: What's the most important holiday in your country? Why?
B: I think New Year's Day is the most important holiday in my country. People have three or four days off to prepare and celebrate with their families.
C: Christmas is the most important holiday in my country. Everyone spends weeks preparing gifts, food, and decorations for the day. It's an important family day.

Activity 2

- C** A: What are your favorite holidays?
B: Let's see. My favorite holiday is April Fools' Day. It's on April 1, and my family and friends celebrate by playing tricks on each other.

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- D** A: Please tell us about your favorite holidays.
B: Well, my favorite holiday is April Fools' Day. It's on April 1. We play tricks and tell jokes.
C: My favorite holiday is Christmas. It's on December 25. All my family gets together to celebrate. How about you?

12^B Good manners

Activity 1

- A** A: What's happening in these pictures? Would you ever do these things?
B: I would never use a cell phone in a restaurant.
A: I think it's OK if it's a short call. And it's always OK in an emergency.

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- C** A: Would you ever visit someone's home without an invitation?
B: It depends. I'd visit my family without an invitation, but I'd call my friends first.
C: Really? I think it's OK to visit friends and family without an invitation.

Activity 2

- C** A: Which customs from part A are the same in your country?
B: We shake hands with all the guests. How about you?
C: We look people in the eye during conversations.
- A: What other things do you do when you visit someone's home?
B: It's the custom to bring cakes as a gift when you visit someone's home. What do you do?
C: In my country, it's important to arrive on time.
- A: Have you ever have had a visitor from abroad in your home?
B: I haven't had a visitor from abroad in my home.
C: I have. He didn't take off his shoes when he came inside.

Activity 3

- A** A: What advice would you give a visitor coming to your country about eating in a restaurant?
B: When you eat in a restaurant, you should wait for a table.
C: And you don't have to leave a tip.