

Traditions and Festivals

Discussion Topic Pack

A warm-up, vocabulary, and graded discussion questions for talking about **Traditions and Festivals**.

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____ Score _____

Warm-up: What is a small celebration you enjoy with friends or family?

1 · Vocabulary

Word	Meaning	Example
celebrate	to have a special event or party for something	<i>We celebrate Christmas with a big dinner.</i>
custom	a usual way of doing something in a particular place	<i>It is a local custom to greet neighbors on New Year's Day.</i>
festival	a day or period of celebration with events and activities	<i>The town holds a music festival every summer.</i>
tradition	a belief or activity that is passed down through generations	<i>My family has a tradition of baking cookies for Easter.</i>
parade	a public procession with people marching and often music	<i>The school organizes a parade for the holiday.</i>
costume	clothing worn for a special occasion or performance	<i>Children wear a costume for the Halloween festival.</i>
fireworks	explosive displays of light and sound for celebration	<i>We watch fireworks on the Fourth of July.</i>
feast	a large, special meal shared with many people	<i>There is a big feast during the harvest festival.</i>

2 · Discussion Questions

Take turns asking and answering — try to give a full answer, not just yes or no.

- 1 What is your favorite festival in your country?
- 2 How do you usually celebrate that festival?
- 3 Who do you spend the festival with?
- 4 What special foods are eaten during this festival?
- 5 Are there any special clothes or costumes you wear?
- 6 Can you describe a tradition that is important in your family?
- 7 How do festivals in your country differ from those in other countries you know?
- 8 Why do you think people create traditions and festivals?
- 9 How can festivals help bring people together in a community?
- 10 Do you think modern technology changes the way we celebrate festivals? Why or why not?

3 · Extension

Try this: Role-play: In pairs, plan a new local festival. Decide the name, activities, foods, and any special traditions, then present your plan to the class.