



Longman English Leap

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6B

Festivals around the world

Halloween



Thanksgiving



Carnival of Brazil



Carnival of Venice



Ch1

You will learn to ...

- Use the simple present tense to talk about different festival traditions
My grandpa cooks a big meal.
- Use the passive voice to focus on the action, not the person who does it
Lanterns are lit.

Have you heard of these festivals?
What other festivals do you know about?

Holi



Lantern Festival



Songkran



Diwali



Your Task

Writing an article about my
city / country

Ch 2

You will learn to ...

- Talk about what different countries are famous for

Read the magazine article.

Kids' Monthly

Happy New Year!

Same to you!

New year around the world

The start of a new year is celebrated all over the world. However, not every country welcomes a new year at the same time. Many people celebrate at midnight on 31st December but for Chinese people, like me, New Year is in January or February.

Bringing good luck

Chinese people have many beliefs about luck, especially at New Year. Red is the lucky colour — red clothes are bought and homes are decorated with red paper. But red is not only lucky for Chinese people. In **Mexico**, people believe that wearing red underwear at New Year helps you find love. Yellow underwear, on the other hand, helps you become rich. How interesting!



I'll be rich!

Avoiding bad luck

Getting rid of bad luck is also important. At Chinese New Year, lion dances are performed to chase away bad spirits. At New Year in **Thailand**, people wash away bad luck by throwing water at each other. In **Ireland**, people bang bread on the wall to scare away evil spirits. Very odd!



Post-reading



Read the magazine article again. These sentences are about what people do at New Year. Which country are they about? Write the name of the country.

- 1 People are eating grapes, oranges, cherries, melons and plums.
- 2 'Oh no! A boy has just thrown a bucket of water all over me!'
- 3 Everybody in the family is wearing new, red clothes.
- 4 My neighbour is throwing away her sofa.
- 5 Everyone is standing on chairs.

Answer the question and blacken ● the circles.

- 6 Find a word in the text which means 'rich'.
- 7 Which New Year tradition does the writer think is strange? (You can choose more than one answer.)

☐ A. wearing red underwear

☐ B. banging bread on the wall

☐ C. jumping off chairs

☐ D. watching a fireworks display



- 8 The writer thinks that in all countries New Year _____.

Read the conclusion.

☐ A. is a chance for a new start

☐ B. is the most important festival

☐ C. celebrations are similar

☐ D. is celebrated at the same time

Phonics

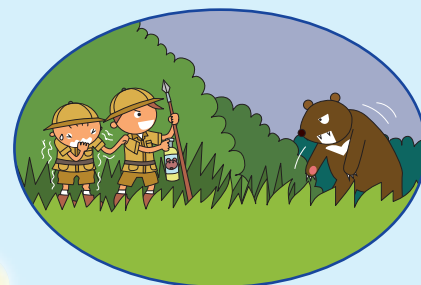
ear year



Listen to the rhyme. Circle the words that rhyme with 'year'.

Oh dear! The bear is near!

No fear, I have bear spray and a spear!



Can you hear that 'ear' can make more than one sound?

Festival traditions

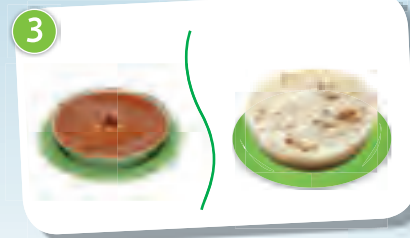
Chinese New Year



buy good luck flowers



decorate homes with red paper



eat rice cakes / turnip cakes



perform lion dances



watch fireworks displays



watch parades

Mid-Autumn Festival



buy / eat moon cakes / starfruit



light lanterns



tie riddles to lanterns



sweep graves / leave special food for dead relatives

Ching Ming Festival

Structure table

Active voice

My grandpa cooks a big meal.

Passive voice

A big meal is cooked by my grandpa.

passive = be (is / are) + past participle

Present	Past participle
buy	bought
eat	eaten
give	given
hang	hung
light	lit / lighted
make	made
put	put
sell	sold
sweep	swept
throw	thrown

Verb table on pp.88-90

Language focus 2

Ice and snow statues **are built.**

A special lemon drink **is made.**

We use the **passive voice** when we want to focus on the action, not the person who does it.



A Listen to the radio programme about festivals. Complete note sheets 3 and 4.

1

Festival : The Harbin Ice and Snow Festival
(to enjoy exciting winter activities)

Date : end of December to end of February

City / Country: Harbin, China

What do people do?

- build ice and snow statues
- light ice statues at night



2



Festival : Children's Day
(to wish children happiness)

Date : 5th May

City / Country: Japan

What do people do?

- hang fish flags outside houses
- eat rice cakes

3

Festival : _____
(to celebrate 'good wins over evil')

Date : usually in _____

City / Country: India

What do people do?

- light huge bonfires
- throw coloured powder and _____ balloons at passers-by
- eat special _____





What are some interesting festivals related to food?

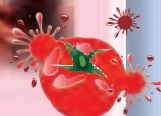
La Tomatina



Tomatoes are important to the people of Spain, especially in the town of Buñol. Every year in August, thousands of people join a huge tomato fight there.



Around 150,000 tomatoes are thrown during the hour-long fight.



Competitors have to climb up bun towers and collect as many buns as possible.

The Bun Festival

This festival on Cheung Chau lasts for three days. The bun scrambling competition on the final day of the festival is the highlight.



The Pineapple Festival

People in the Philippines promote their sweetest pineapples at this festival. Whole pineapples and pineapple ice cream are given out for free!



These children in pineapple costumes are getting ready for the street dancing competition.

Find out about some other interesting food festivals around the world and give a presentation.