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Unit 7 A world of celebration

Exercise 1

The young people below are in Edinburgh and would like to attend a festival. On the next page there are eight descriptions of eight festivals in Edinburgh. Decide which festival would be the most suitable for the following people.

1



Harriet is interested in history and tradition. She would like to go to a festival where she can mingle with the locals and have fun.

2



Debbie is a teacher. She is married with three children. She would like to go somewhere where her children can have plenty to do. She'd also like to see a play.

3



Frances is a teacher and would like to go on holiday with her children when the schools are closed. She'd like to enjoy a day out with her family listening to inspirational ideas, discoveries, and experiments.

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Ben and his friends enjoy spending time outside. They want to find a festival in the open air. They don't have much money, so they'd prefer to learn how to cook for themselves to keep costs down.

5



Dan is planning to spend his holiday with his wife, his parents and his sister's family. They can't get lost and would like some peace and quiet, so they don't want to be in crowded places.

Eight best festivals in Edinburgh

<p>A. Edinburgh Science Festival Edinburgh Science Festival is the largest science festival in the UK, and one of the largest in Europe. The 14-day festival happens annually, each April, bringing scientific events, talks, shows and exhibitions to Scotland over the school Easter holidays. It's an inspiring festival for all ages, with an entertaining programme for families and adults to enjoy.</p>	<p>B. Edinburgh Hogmanay The Hogmanay Festival is a three-day-long festival to celebrate New Year's Eve. Follow the annual Torchlight Procession from the historic Royal Mile all the way up to Calton Hill. Watch an amazing midnight firework display from Edinburgh Castle, link arms and sing Auld Lang Syne and mark the New Year with the annual Loony Dook – a bizarre New Year tradition where you plunge yourself into the freezing cold water (often in a fancy dress).</p>
<p>C. Edinburgh International Film Festival The Edinburgh International Film Festival celebrates the best UK and international cinema with a programme of movie screenings, a spectacular opening and closing night galas and talks over a 2-week festival every June. The wide variety of film categories includes feature films, short films, animations, documentaries and experimental cinema. Tickets for events and screenings are available in advance.</p>	<p>D. Edinburgh Food Festival Edinburgh Food Festival takes place every summer, usually for around 10 days, in George Square Gardens. The festival celebrates the very best of Scotland's food and drink featuring street food stalls, cooking demonstrations and local producer events. This outdoor event is a must for all foodies. What's more, entry is free.</p>
<p>E. Edinburgh International Book Festival The Edinburgh International Book Festival is an annual festival, held in the last three weeks of August every year. Writers, illustrators and performers come together to inspire and entertain with a range of events from interviews, workshops, storytelling sessions, arts and crafts and so much more. All profits go towards future Book Festivals, so you are helping to support a great event.</p>	<p>F. The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo is performed by the British Armed Forces, International military bands and cultural groups from around the world, every August. Over 200,000 people will see this amazing spectacle over the course of a summer. Book your seats at the Edinburgh Castle Esplanade.</p>
<p>G. Edinburgh Tradfest Edinburgh TradFest is a celebration of traditional and folk music from Scotland and around the world. Enjoy music, dance, storytelling, drama, film and more, at this traditional music festival, for around 2 weeks, usually across April and May each year. TradFest celebrates the Scottish musical rich history and also encourages exciting new music, inspired by tradition.</p>	<p>H. Edinburgh Festival Fringe Edinburgh Festival Fringe is the largest arts festival in the world that lasts for three weeks. Here, you'll see hundreds of stages across Edinburgh and lots of entertainers ranging from comedians to circus performers. You'll find the city's streets lined with unique acts including opera, children's shows, dance and spoken word.</p>

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Exercise 2

For each question, choose the correct answer.

HOLI



Two girls celebrate Holi with colourful powder, called gulal.

Holi is a Hindu festival of colours, celebrated once a year in March. Growing up in a Hindu household, I absolutely loved the spectacle that came along with celebrating Holi.

It's all about new beginnings — Holi welcomes the spring season and celebrates the end of winter. The Holi festival is a two-day holiday that always falls on Purnima, or the day of the full moon. That's when a bonfire is lit for a puja (or prayer). The bonfire is meant to burn away all the bad and evil. In mythology, Hiranyakashipu wanted everybody in his kingdom to worship only him, but to his great disappointment, his son, Prahlad, was a devoted worshipper of Vishnu, a Hindu deity, and it displeased Hiranyakashipu that his own son would worship Vishnu over him. As the story goes, Lord Vishnu appeared in the form of a half-lion, half-man and killed Hiranyakashipu. Finally, good triumphed over evil.

The next day, directly after the full moon, is all about the festival of colours. Holi is called the festival of colours because the main event is a colour-filled celebration. While the bonfire on the night before, Holika Dahan, has a religious element, the day of the colour fest typically doesn't involve a religious ceremony. It's purely about having fun within your community by taking to the streets or attending private celebrations to throw colours at each other.

One of the most remarkable things about the Indian colour festival is how enthusiastic and care-free it is. It is purely a day of fun. I didn't love being dragged to temple as a child, but going to temple for Holi was an exception. Running around throwing colours was something I could always get on board with.

However, a Holi festival feels like so much more than just throwing colours and taking a few pictures. It gets you out of the monotony of March, interacting with friends or family you might not normally have fun with. The Holi celebrations I attended were always extremely inclusive — my Hindu relatives, young and old, were excited to share the day with anyone interested in celebrating.

Adapted from: <https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/festivals/what-is-holi-festival-of-colors>

1. The writer enjoyed Holi festival because...
 - a) he had the opportunity to meet lots of people.
 - b) it meant the end of winter.
 - c) it was entertaining.
 - d) it was a holiday.

2. Why do people light a bonfire?
 - a) To keep warm.
 - b) To pay their respects to Vishnu.
 - c) To keep wild animals away.
 - d) To celebrate the victory of good over evil.

3. The writer attends the festival of colour because...
 - a) he is keen on going to the temple.
 - b) he loves the bright colours.
 - c) he feels happy and relaxed.
 - d) he takes some good photographs.

4. Attending Holi is...
 - a) a time to escape boredom and socialise.
 - b) all about families gathering together for festive meals.
 - c) a time to celebrate the burning of evil spirits.
 - d) a time to reconnect with religion.

5. What might Miguel write in his diary about Holi?
 - a) It was very interesting, but I wish someone else my age had taken part.
 - b) The trip was like a holiday, and I saw my family again. The only thing I disliked was getting smeared with colour.
 - c) Going to Holi was great fun, but I realise there is more to it than throwing powder.
 - d) Throwing colours at people is fun but can lead to air pollution.

Exercise 3

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Father's Day

The date when Father's Day is celebrated (1) from country to country.

On Father's Day many people make a special (2) for their fathers or father figures. Some people visit their fathers, while others give cards, flowers or other gifts, such as clothing or sporting equipment, or luxury food items. Father's Day is a relatively modern holiday, so different families have different (3) These can range from a simple phone call or greetings card to large parties honouring all father figures in an extended family. Father figures can include fathers, stepfathers, fathers-in-law, grandfathers, great-grandfathers and even other male relatives.

Father's Day in India is a relatively new concept, but it is celebrated in (4) ways as in the United Kingdom or the United States although on a smaller scale. In Mexico, Father's Day is referred to as "Día del Padre", where many families get together, prepare meals and (5) gifts to fathers or father figures. In South Africa, many social and cultural societies host Father's Day (6) to stress the important role of fathers in nurturing children and building a stronger society.

Adapted from: <https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/common/father-day>




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| 4 | a | same | b | twin | c | like | d | similar |
| 5 | a | distribute | b | collect | c | keep | d | hold |
| 6 | a | celebrations | b | proms | c | customs | d | unions |

Exercise 4

For each question, write in the correct answer.

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Dear Alex,

Hi are you?

Thanks for the invitation to your birthday party on Saturday. It's amazing to think that a year has passed **(1)** _____ your last one.

I'd love to join you, but I might be a bit late **(2)** _____

I have an important exam at school. I'm not sure of the directions **(3)** _____ your new house, so please text me your address. I will take my own car and I don't want to get lost **(4)** _____ the way.

I'm **(5)** _____ shopping at the mall tomorrow, so it would be great if you could give me an idea of what you want for your birthday. Let me know **(6)** _____ you want me to bring anything, too.

I look forward to seeing you again.

All the best,

Amy

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Answer Key!

Exercise 1

1. B, 2. H, 3. A, 4. D., 5. F

Exercise 2

1. C, 2. D, 3. C, 4. A, 5. C

Exercise 3

1. varies, 2. effort, 3. traditions, 4. similar, 5. distribute, 6. celebrations

Exercise 4

1. since, 2. as, 3. to, 4. on, 5. going, 6. if