

Celebrating Festivals Around the World

Learning objective: To describe the key features of a festival and explain why it is important to the people who celebrate it.

Choose a festival you have learned about. Use the prompts below to write a detailed report. Use the word bank to help your writing flow and be more descriptive.

Festivals are special times of the year when people come together to celebrate their beliefs, history or culture.

Word bank: traditionally · celebration · symbolises · community · colourful · significant · furthermore · in addition · consequently · annual

1. Introduction: What is the name of the festival, when is it celebrated and who celebrates it? (e.g. The festival I am writing about is...)

2. The Story: Why is this festival celebrated? What is the history or the religious story behind it? (e.g. This festival is important because...)

3. Traditions: What do people do to celebrate? Think about special clothes, music or activities. (e.g. One common tradition is...)

4. Food and Symbols: Are there any special foods eaten or symbols used? What do they represent? (e.g. A special food eaten during this time is...)

5. Community: How does this festival bring people together? How do they feel during the celebration? (e.g. People feel joyful because...)

6. Summary: What is the most interesting thing you have learned about this festival? (e.g. To conclude, the most fascinating part of this celebration is...)

Extension challenge: Can you compare this festival to another one you know? Write a short paragraph explaining one thing that is the same and one thing that is different.