

Celebrating Festivals Around the World

Learning objective: To understand the purpose of festivals and identify common themes of celebration and community.

Read the text carefully. Use the information in the passage to answer the questions in full sentences.

Leo the lion loves learning about how people celebrate special days. He discovered that festivals are important events that bring communities together to remember a story, mark a season, or celebrate a faith. Some festivals are celebrated by millions of people globally, while others belong to small, local groups.

During festivals, people often follow traditions. This might include wearing brightly coloured clothes, decorating their homes, or sharing special meals with family and friends. For example, some people light lamps to symbolise the victory of light over darkness, while others might set off fireworks or dance in the streets.

Giving is also a big part of many festivities. Some people donate money to charities or give small gifts to their neighbours to show kindness. Leo thinks it is wonderful that, although the customs are different, the feeling of joy and togetherness is the same everywhere. Whether it is a harvest festival thanking nature for food or a religious holiday, these events help people feel connected to their history and to each other.

Word bank: tradition · community · symbolise · celebration · festivities

1. According to the text, what are three things festivals might remember, mark, or celebrate? (2 marks)

2. What are two examples of how people decorate or dress during festivals? (2 marks)

3. Why do you think the author says the 'feeling' of festivals is the same even if the 'customs' are different? (2 marks)

4. How does giving gifts or donating money fit into the overall purpose of a festival? (2 marks)

5. Do you think festivals are important for a community? Explain your answer using evidence from the text. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a festival celebration. Include bright colours, special foods, and people celebrating together.



Extension challenge: Think of a festival you celebrate. Write three sentences explaining one tradition you follow and why it is special to you.