

Festivals Around the World

Learning objective: To understand how festivals bring communities together and celebrate special events.

Read the story below about Pip and Zara. Use the word bank to help you answer the questions. Write your answers in the boxes provided.

Pip the caterpillar and Zara the zebra love to travel. They enjoy visiting different places to learn about festivals. A festival is a special day or time when people gather to celebrate. Every festival has its own tradition. Some festivals are about the harvest, while others mark the New Year.

In one village, people wear bright colours and dance in the street. This brings the community together. Zara notices that everyone shares delicious food during the party. She sketches the beautiful patterns on the lanterns hanging from the trees. Pip enjoys listening to the music and learning new words from the people he meets. Whether they are lighting candles or sharing a feast, festivals are all about happiness and friendship. It does not matter where you are in the world, people love to meet up and have fun. Pip and Zara feel lucky to see so many ways to celebrate. They know that being together is the best part of any festival.

Word bank: community · celebrate · tradition · festival · together

1. 1. What do people do in the village to show they are happy? (Literal) (2 marks)

2. 2. What two things does Zara do during the festival? (Literal) (2 marks)

3. 3. Why do you think sharing food is an important part of a festival? (Inferential) (2 marks)

4. 4. How does the text show that festivals are important to people? (Inferential) (2 marks)

5. 5. Which festival activity would you like to try? Explain why. (Evaluative) (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a festival scene. Include bright colours, lanterns, and happy people dancing together.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are planning your own festival. Write down three things you would need to have to make it a great day!