Festivals in their cultural context

VOCABULARY PRACTICE
PRE-INTERMEDIATE | A2-B1

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Match each festival word with its meaning.

1 festival ____	**a** a special outfit worn for an occasion
2 celebrate ____	**b** a large public event marking something special
3 tradition ____	**c** to come together as a group
4 parade ____	**d** a formal event marking an important occasion
5 costume ____	**e** a special meal shared to mark an occasion
6 ceremony ____	**f** to mark an occasion with special activities
7 gather ____	**g** something passed down from earlier generations
8 heritage ____	**h** an item used to make a place look attractive for an event
9 decoration ____	**i** a public procession celebrating something
10 feast ____	**j** a custom or practice passed down over time

2 Choose the correct form.

1 We celebrate / celebrated the festival every year.
2 The parade / parades passed through the town.
3 She wore a colourful costume / costumes.
4 The ceremony / ceremony's began at noon.
5 Families gather / gathered together for the feast.
6 This is part of our cultural heritage / heritage's.
7 The streets were full of decoration / decorations.
8 It's an old tradition / traditional.

3 Complete the descriptions with words from the box.

celebrate | ceremony | costume | decorations | feast | gather | heritage | parade

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Town festival: Every year, the whole town 1 _____ its founding day. People wear traditional 2 _____ and join a colourful 3 _____ through the streets, which are covered in 4 _____.
Family celebration: The family likes to 5 _____ every year to enjoy a big 6 _____ together. It's part of their cultural 7 _____, and it always starts with a short 8 _____.

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4 Match each word with its opposite.

1 traditional ____	**a** modern
2 colourful ____	**b** plain
3 formal ____	**c** informal
4 crowded ____	**d** empty
5 lively ____	**e** quiet
6 ancient ____	**f** recent
7 joyful ____	**g** sad
8 public ____	**h** private

5 Read the text. Write T (true) or F (false).

A local festival

Every spring, Mia's town celebrates an old harvest festival. Families gather in the square, wearing traditional costumes passed down through generations. A colourful parade moves through the streets, followed by a formal ceremony and a shared feast in the evening. Mia says the festival is an important part of the town's cultural heritage, and everyone in the community looks forward to it each year.

1 The festival happens every spring. T / F

2 People wear modern clothes only. T / F

3 There is a parade through the streets. T / F

4 There is no ceremony. T / F

5 There is a shared feast in the evening. T / F

6 Mia thinks the festival is unimportant. T / F

6 Complete the sentences with the correct preposition (in, for, with, through).

1 We celebrate _____ the festival every year.

2 The parade moved _____ the streets.

3 The town is famous _____ its festival.

4 The streets were decorated _____ flags.

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OVER TO YOU

Write a 70-90 word description of a festival you know or would like to attend. Include what happens and why it matters to the community.

[ ] Use at least eight target words. [ ] Use present tenses accurately. [ ] Keep the description respectful.

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ANSWER KEY

1 Festival words

1 b 2 f 3 j 4 i 5 a 6 d 7 c 8 g 9 h 10 e

2 Choose the correct form

1 celebrate 2 parade 3 costume 4 ceremony 5 gather 6 heritage 7 decorations 8 tradition

3 Descriptions

1 celebrates 2 costume 3 parade 4 decorations 5 gather 6 feast 7 heritage 8 ceremony

4 Opposites

1 a 2 b 3 c 4 d 5 e 6 f 7 g 8 h

5 Reading

1 T
2 F - traditional costumes.
3 T
4 F - there is a ceremony.
5 T
6 F - she thinks it's important.

6 Prepositions

1 in 2 through 3 for 4 with

Over to you

Answers will vary. Check clear organisation, accurate forms and respectful wording.