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Popular American Holidays

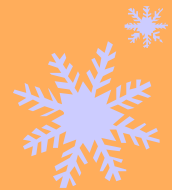
The most popular holidays in the US are:

- St. Valentine's Day
- Thanksgiving Day in November
- Independence Day on July 4
- Halloween on October 31
- Christmas



- Tell us more about individual festivals and holidays?
- What is your favourite holiday and why?

Christmas



Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ on December, 25.

Gifts from Santa Claus are put into the stockings hung near the mantelpiece. Families usually gather for a family reunion and have a Christmas party with a traditional Christmas dinner - roast turkey, ham, potatoes, vegetables, mince pie, fruit cake, gingerbread nuts, etc.

It is also traditional to send Christmas cards to relatives and friends and to give to charity.

Greeting: Merry Christmas! Response: The same to you!



New Year's Day

New Year's Eve is the last evening of the old year.

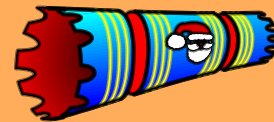
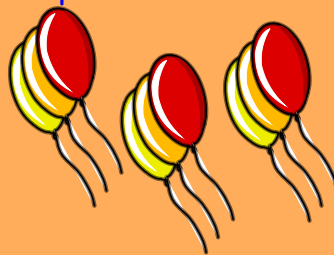
New Year's Day is January, 1.

People often gather at the place where there's a tower with a big clock to say good-bye to the old year and welcome to the new year.

Many people make a New Year's resolution to quit doing something (e.g. smoking) or start something new (e.g. swimming).

New Year's Day is usually celebrated with friends at home or in a restaurant.

Greeting: Happy New Year! Response: The same to you!



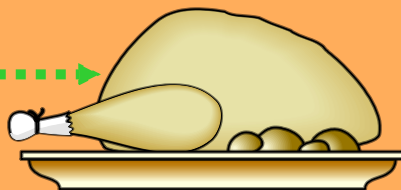
Thanksgiving

The celebration of Thanksgiving Day was started by the Pilgrims in 1621 when, with the help of local Indians, they had their first good crop after a long period of hardship in North America. For Americans, this day is the day of thanks for the blessings they have received.

Thanksgiving is a family holiday.

Going home to celebrate Thanksgiving Day with the family is a widely spread tradition.

It is also a tradition to give to charity, and many people prepare gifts and food for the needy families. The holiday is celebrated with a big dinner: **roast turkey, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, Indian pudding, corn, vegetables, fruit, nuts, etc.**



Halloween



Halloween is one of the favorite children's holidays.

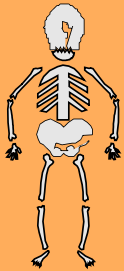
It is celebrated on the thirty-first of October.

Holiday attributes include a jack-o'-lantern and frightening ghost costumes and masks.

Houses are decorated with paper witches, ghosts, black cats, etc.

Children wearing costumes go trick-or-treating to neighbors' houses, where a lot of sweet things is prepared for them. They knock at the door and shout "Trick or treat!"

If a treat is not given to them, they play a trick: squeeze out toothpaste on the glass, write with crayons on the door, throw pebbles on the porch, etc.



Independence Day / The Fourth of July

Independence Day is the most important patriotic holiday for Americans. It is celebrated in memory of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 and the birth of the new nation.

The holiday is celebrated throughout the country with parades, fireworks, public ceremonies and speeches, concerts, shows, parties and picnics.

The American flag is displayed in many places and its colors are used for decoration.



TEST

QUESTIONS:

- 1) What is Christmas and when is it celebrated?
- 2) How do people decorate their houses for Christmas?
- 3) What do people usually do when they celebrate the New Year?
- 4) What did the signing of the Declaration of Independence mean and when did it take place?
- 5) What do Americans usually do on the July, 4th?
- 6) What is the main symbol of Halloween?
- 7) How do children go trick-or-treating?
- 8) When was the first Thanksgiving day celebrated?
- 9) What does Thanksgiving represent for Americans?



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