

# Festivals & Celebrations

Pre-Intermediate (A2-B1)



## WARM-UP

**Part 1. Discuss the following questions.**

1. Can you name any festivals or celebrations from around the world?
2. Which countries or cultures do you connect them with?
3. Are they more about fun, tradition, or community?

**Part 2. Look at the pictures below and discuss the questions.**



1. What kind of festival or celebration could this be?
2. What do you think people are doing?
3. What kind of atmosphere does it have? (busy, joyful, calm, chaotic...)



**Part 3. Choose one option and explain your choice.**

<b>Big public festivals</b>	or	<b>small family celebrations?</b>
<b>Loud and energetic</b>	or	<b>calm and meaningful?</b>
<b>Food-focused</b>	or	<b>music-focused?</b>
<b>Carefully planned</b>	or	<b>spontaneous?</b>

**VIDEO ACTIVITY**

**Part 1. You're going to watch a video about cultural festivals around the world. Before watching, discuss the following questions.**

1. Why do people celebrate festivals?
2. What do festivals usually include? (Think about food, music, traditions, atmosphere.)

**Part 2. Watch the video "12 Cultural Festivals in the World That Will Amaze You."**

**Part 3. Discuss the following questions.**

1. Which festival caught your attention most?
2. Which one surprised you?
3. Which festival would you probably avoid? Why?

**Part 4. Watch the video again.**



**Part 5. Match the festivals to the ideas below. (Some festivals may match more than one idea.)**

Rio Carnival	Diwali	Oktoberfest	Harbin Ice Festival
La Tomatina	Holi	Songkran	Day of the Dead
Lantern Festival	Gion Matsuri	Edinburgh Fringe	Venice Carnival

1. A strong feeling of community
2. A celebration of new beginnings
3. Playful or chaotic energy
4. Cultural or historical traditions
5. Art, creativity, or performance

## VOCABULARY & SPEAKING

**Part 1. Read the quotes from the video. The bold expressions are useful for talking about festivals. What do you think each one means?**

1. "Picture this—**streets alive** with samba rhythms..."
2. "The laughter and lively ambience create an unforgettable **sense of community**."
3. "Participants **unleash their inner child** in this delightful food fight."
4. "It's a refreshing way to cleanse the past and **embrace new beginnings**."
5. "Families **come together** to share stories, food, and laughter."
6. "Vibrant processions that honour Japan's **rich cultural heritage**."
7. "It's an artistic celebration that **fuels inspiration and innovation**."



**Part 2. Complete the sentences using the expressions.**

Streets alive

Sense of community

Unleash their inner child

Embrace new beginnings

Come together

Rich cultural heritage

Fuels inspiration and innovation

1. New Year festivals often help people \_\_\_\_\_ and move forward positively.
2. Important celebrations bring families and friends together, helping people \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Events like La Tomatina allow adults to \_\_\_\_\_ and forget daily worries.
4. Traditional festivals help protect a country's \_\_\_\_\_ and pass it on to younger generations.
5. Creative festivals like the Edinburgh Fringe \_\_\_\_\_ for artists and audiences.
6. During big festivals, the city feels full of energy, with \_\_\_\_\_ and music everywhere.
7. Celebrations often create a strong \_\_\_\_\_, especially when people share food and traditions.

**Part 3. Complete the sentences with your own ideas.**

1. During a festival, the **streets** feel **alive** when...
2. I feel a strong **sense of community** when...
3. Festivals allow people to **unleash their inner** child by...
4. For many people, celebrations help them **embrace new beginnings** after...
5. My family usually **comes together** during...
6. One example of **rich cultural heritage** in my country is...
7. Creative events like music or arts festivals often **fuel inspiration and innovation** by...



**Part 4. Think about a real celebration you remember clearly. Talk about:**

1. Where it happened
2. Who you were with
3. What made it special (or difficult)
4. How you feel when you think about it now

**REFLECTION**

**Discuss the following questions.**

1. Why do people need celebrations?
2. How do festivals help people feel connected?
3. What would life feel like without celebrations?

