

Module 1. Celebrations

1A. Reading and vocabulary

1. Mark the sentences T (true), F (false), NS (not stated).

- ✓ 'La Tomatina' is held in Italy. _____
- ✓ The first festival of tomatoes was held to commemorate the Victory Day.

- ✓ A festival, which takes place around the end of February, is held only in Moscow. _____
- ✓ The Pirates Week festival begins with a mock kidnap. _____
- ✓ The festival raises money for new scarecrows. _____

2. Complete the mind-map of the text "Let's party".

3. Compose five sentences in the Russian language using words and word combinations from the texts. Swap the sentences with your group mates and translate them into English.

4. Study the information below. Copy out new words and translate them.

What did you know and what did you not know about cotton?

Interesting facts about cotton

1. Cotton is about 35–40% of the world's total fiber production.
2. There are about 30,000 cotton farms in the USA.
3. Cotton is grown more than any other non-edible crop – globally.
4. Cottonseed oil has high levels of antioxidants (Vit E) which allow for a longer shelf life.
5. Only the High Priest could wear a cotton clothing back in ancient Egypt.
6. Cotton has been farmed for over 5,000 years and is a major source of fiber.
7. One cotton t-shirt requires no less than 257 gallons of water.
8. To reach full maturity the cotton plant needs 180–200 days from planting to harvest.



5. Visit <http://www.cottonweek.com.au/> and study information about the Cotton week in Australia. Make up 3 questions on the text and ask your desk mate to answer them.

6. Look at the pictures and names of the festivals (they are all Canadian). Match the name of the fest with the picture.

<p>A</p> 	<p>C</p> 
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<p>B</p> 	<p>D</p> 
<p>1 Quebec Winter Carnival, Quebec City</p>	<p>2 Sasktel Saskatchewan Jazz Fest, Saskatchewan</p>
<p>3 Celebration of Light, Vancouver, BC</p>	<p>4 International Shellfish Festival, Prince Edward Island</p>

7. Visit <http://trifter.com/usa-canada/10-famous-canadian-festivals/> and choose a festival you would like to speak about. Show the picture and present a short piece of information about a festival. Be attentive – there are 2 pages of the article.

1B. Listening and Speaking

1. Complete the superstitions below filling in the gap with an appropriate preposition.

1. Giving knives or things that cut _____ a wedding present is considered a bad luck.

- ✓ As
- ✓ In
- ✓ After
- ✓ Before

2. Walking _____ a ladder is considered to be a bad luck.

- ✓ Away
- ✓ At
- ✓ With
- ✓ Under

3. Get out of the bed _____ the same side that you get in to avoid bad luck.

- ✓ With
- ✓ On
- ✓ In
- ✓ By

4. It's a good luck to toss a pinch of salt _____ one shoulder.

- ✓ Over
- ✓ Onto
- ✓ Off
- ✓ In

2. Are you superstitious? In what way? What superstitions do you believe/do you not believe? Why? Discuss in pairs.

3. Answer the questions to the dialogue at p. 13, SB.

- What is Lucy worried about? Why?
- What is Jane's attitude to superstitions?
- What does Lucy have for good luck?
- Did Lucy win the competition?

4. Complete the sentences using words and word combinations from the dialogue at p. 13 SB.

- That's not the _____.

- _____ is bad luck!
- You'll never win that school writing _____.
- I'm quite _____, you know.
- I think superstitions are all _____.
- Perhaps it's your _____.

5. Project. Make a poster about superstitions called “Superstitions in pictures”. Let your group mates guess what superstition is displayed.

1C. Grammar in Use

1. Complete the sentences using the verbs in brackets in Present Perfect Simple or Continuous.

- Jane _____ (write) a letter to a magazine. She _____ (not finish) it yet.
- Den _____ (look) for his pen-knife, but he _____ (not find) it yet.
- Nick _____ (play) a computer game for two hours and he is still playing.
- Greg _____ (wait) for Jenny in the downtown. She _____ (not arrive) yet.
- Kate _____ (not finish) painting the flowers yet. She (work) on the picture for two weeks.

2. Use the verbs in brackets in the Present Perfect Continuous Tense.

- I (do) the housework since this morning.
- David and Mary (go) out together now for nearly five years.

- We have no idea how long they (swim) for, but it has certainly been longer than an hour now.
- How long (work) at the library?
- Just look at those trousers. What on earth (you/ do)?

3. Work in pairs. Ask and answer questions in the hand-outs.

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) How often do you study English? How often should you study?
- 2) How often are you in trouble with someone? Who and why?
- 3) How often do you feel on top of the world? Is it a good feeling?
- 4) How often do you like going shopping?
- 5) How often do you think about the world's future? Are they good thoughts?
- 6) How often do you get angry with other people? Who are they?
- 7) How often did you get presents when you were a child?
- 8) How often do you wish you were somewhere else of someone else? Who and where?
- 9) How often should you exercise? How often do you exercise?
- 10) How often are you ill? Is this more or less often than your friends?

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 1) How often do you do you think 'how often do I have to do this'? What is it you think about?
- 2) How often do you worry about your hair and the way you look? Is it a problem for you?
- 3) How often do you check your e-mail?
- 4) How often is too often?
- 5) How often do you change your mobile phone? Why?
- 6) How often do you wish you had special powers? What are these powers?
- 7) How often do you spoil yourself?
- 8) How often do you think about money? Is this good or bad?

- 9) How often will you study English in the future?
- 10) How often did you cry when you were younger? What were the main reasons?

4. Translate the sentences from Russian into English.

- Поезд приходит завтра в 6.
- Если я найду эту книгу, я дам ее вам.
- Тихо! Я думаю.
- Он идет на концерт сегодня вечером.
- Как долго вы уже ждете?
- Он поработал в нескольких компаниях с тех пор, как окончил колледж.

5. Explain the difference.

- I have been here **for** 20 minutes.
- I have been here **since** 9 o'clock.
- John hasn't called **for** 6 months.
- John hasn't called **since** February.
- He has worked in New York **for** a long time.
- He has worked in New York **since** he left school.

1D. Vocabulary and Speaking

1. Match idioms with their meanings. Translate them.

bad egg	get upset over something that has happened and cannot be changed
big cheese	a person who is often in trouble
cry over spilled milk	very easy
nuts about something, someone	very important person (VIP)
piece of cake	like a lot

2. Complete the sentences using the appropriate idiom.

- I don't want my little brother hanging around with the _____ in the street.
- The exam was a _____.
- I'm _____ classical music these days.
- The mirror is broken and we can't fix it. There's no need to _____.
- I thought I was just going to interview the secretary, but they let me talk to the _____ himself.

3. Think of someone/something famous and make some sentences about him/her/it. Let your classmates try and guess who/what it is.

- He/she is the one that _____.
- It is the holiday, when _____.
- He/she is the one who _____.
- It is the country where _____.
- He/she is the one whose _____.

Keys

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1A

1.

- ✓ __F__
- ✓ __NS__
- ✓ __F__
- ✓ __T__
- ✓ __F__

6.

1 C

2 D

3 B

4 A

1B

1.

1.

✓ **As**

2.

✓ **Under**

3.

✓ **On**

4.

✓ **Over**

3.

- She is worried about the fact that she killed a spider and it is bad luck.
- She is not superstitious at all.
- She's got a lucky charm.
- We do not know.

4.

- That's not the point.
- Killing a spider is bad luck!
- You'll never win that school writing competition.
- I'm quite superstitious, you know.
- I think superstitions are all a load of rubbish.
- Perhaps it's your lucky day!

1C

1.

- Jane Has been writing a letter to a magazine. She has not finished it yet.
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- Nick has been playing a computer game for two hours and he is still playing.
- Greg has been waiting for Jenny in the downtown. She has not arrived yet.
- Kate has not finished painting the flowers yet. She has been working on the picture for two weeks.

2.

- I have been doing the housework since this morning.
- David and Mary have been going out together now for nearly five years.

- We have no idea how long they have been swimming for, but it has certainly been longer than an hour now.
- How long have you been working at the library?
- Just look at those trousers. What on earth have you been doing?

4.

- The train arrives tomorrow at 6.
- If I find this book, I'll give it to you.
- Quiet! I am thinking!
- He's going to the concert tonight.
- How long have you been waiting?
- He's worked in several companies since he left college.

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nuts about something, someone	like a lot
piece of cake	very easy

2.

- I don't want my little brother hanging around with the bad eggs on the street.
- The exam was a piece of cake.
- I'm nuts about classical music these days.
- The mirror is broken and we can't fix it. There's no need to cry over spilled milk.

- I thought I was just going to interview the secretary, but they let me talk to the big cheese himself.