

## ACTIVITY PACK

for

## Level 6

## (Year 5)

## Feasts and Celebrations



How to use this pack:

1. This pack is intended for Year 5 and Year 6 learners and focuses on the theme FEASTS AND CELEBRATIONS.
2. We recommend that learners start with the Listening and Reading Tasks first to prepare them for the Speaking and Writing Tasks. Suggestion: Do a speaking task and a writing task closer to the end of the week and encourage learners to use the vocabulary they learned in the reading and listening tasks. Also, encourage learners to use the writing frames included in the pack. You might wish to follow the guidelines below:

| Skill | Task | Pages |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Monday | Listening | Easter in the UK <br> Tuesday <br> Wednesday <br> Reading <br> Carnival | $3-6$ |
| Thursday | Writing | Inverted Interview <br> PowerPoint Presentation | $7-8$ |
| Friday | Literature | Poster <br> Message to say thanks <br> Poem: April Fools' Day | $9-11$ |

3. The Literature Task can be done on any day throughout the week. It is not only meant to promote reading but it also helps expand language awareness and structure, and encourages different levels of interpretation and connection with oneself, the world and other texts. The aim is to enjoy reading literary texts.
4. The Follow Up Activities section includes activities that can be used as reinforcement activities to solidify the learners' understanding of new topics, These activities may serve as extensions or may simply provide an opportunity for extra drilling and practice.
5. The Idioms section exposes learners to several idioms, which they can use in their writing and speaking tasks.
6. The Read and Watch section not only supplements the topic but exposes learners to the theme in an entertaining way. After reading the book or watching the film, learners fill in a book and/or film review about one of the suggested books and/or films.

## LISTENING TASK

## Easter in the UK

## Listening Task 1

Listen to some interesting information about Easter celebrations in the UK.


Picture 1


Picture 3


Picture 2


Picture 4


Picture 5

Ask:
$\checkmark$ Look at these pictures. Do you know what traditions are? Give me an example.
$\checkmark$ Look at Pictures 2 and 3 . Have you done similar activities? Tell me about them.
$\checkmark$ Look at Picture 4. Why do you think at around Easter time we see lots of baby animals?
$\checkmark$ What can you see in Picture 1? Do you know the name of this feast? Why do we celebrate it?
$\checkmark$ When do we celebrate it?
$\checkmark$ Picture 5 is about a traditional Easter pastry called hot cross bun. Have you ever tried it? Can you mention a few other Easter traditional foods?

## Listening

Procedure
a. Learners read the questions.
b. Read the text below. Learners listen to the text for the first time. Learners may start writing if they wish to.
c. Learners attempt to answer the questions.
d. Read the text again. The text is heard for the second time.
e. Learners try to complete all of the tasks.
f. Learners revise answers.

Easter is the most important festival of the year for Christians. Easter is in spring when flowers are beginning to grow and there are lambs in the fields. It is in March or April. It is not on the same day every year. On Good Friday some people go to church. Jesus Christ died on this day. In the UK, people eat special buns on this day. They are called hot cross buns. They have a cross on top of them.
It is a holiday for everyone. People don't go to work on Good Friday or Easter Monday. Children get two weeks holiday from school. On Easter Sunday, families often go to church. In the UK, mums and dads often hide chocolate eggs in the garden. They say the Easter Bunny has left them. The children love looking for them .... and eating them!
A. Match the sentences.

| 1. Easter is |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2. Easter is not | to church on Good Friday. |
| 3. People eat | in the garden. |
| 4. Children don't go | in spring. |
| 5. Some people go | on the same day every year. |
| 6. Children look for eggs | chocolate eggs at Easter. |

B. Tick ( $\sqrt{ }$ ) True (T) or False (F).

|  | True | False |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| 1. Easter is an important festival for everyone in the world. |  |  |
| 2. Easter usually falls in May. |  |  |
| 3. In the UK, people eat figolli. |  |  |
| 4. Children do not go to school for a fortnight. |  |  |
| 5. The Easter Bunny hides the chocolate eggs. |  |  |

C. Circle the words which we do NOT associate with Easter.

| spring | costumes | lambs | mistletoe |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| cross | holidays | hearts | fireworks |

D. Fill in.

1. Easter is an important $\qquad$ for Christians.
2. Easter is celebrated on a $\qquad$ date every year.
3. Hot cross buns have a $\qquad$ on top.
4. The British don't $\qquad$ on Good Friday and Easter Monday.
5. On Easter Sunday children look for $\qquad$ eggs in their garden.

## Post-Listening:

Task 1 - Look at the picture of a garden. Nine colourful eggs are scattered around the garden. Help your friend find these eggs by giving them information about each egg position.

Eg. The yellow egg is on the red platform.

1. The blue egg is $\qquad$
2. The striped egg is $\qquad$
3. The orange egg is $\qquad$
4. The green egg is $\qquad$
5. The purple egg is $\qquad$
6. The zigzag egg is $\qquad$
7. The pink and white egg is $\qquad$
8. The spotted egg is $\qquad$

Task 2 - The Easter Bunny is a wanted fugitive. He has stolen all the chocolate Easter eggs. Fill in this writing frame to help others find him. Include: name and aka (also known as), age, height, physical description, any particularities, date last seen, place last seen and reward given.

## Wanted

Easter Bunny
The Easter Bunny is wanted for stealing Easter eggs. $\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

## READING TASKS

Reading Task 1: Read the following text about a popular celebration: CHRISTMAS.


1. State whether these statements are True (T) or False (F).
a. Stir up Sunday is an old tradition - not everyone does it now.
b. Nobody makes Christmas puddings any more.
T F
c. All Christmas cake recipes are the same.

T F
d. Mince pies have similar ingredients to a Christmas cake.

T F
T F
e. Mince pies are only eaten on Christmas Day.
2. Complete the sentences.
a. Christmas puddings are made on $\qquad$ .
b. The Christmas cake is eaten on $\qquad$ .
c. Mince pies are eaten $\qquad$ .
3. Tick $(\checkmark)$ the right column.

|  | Christmas pudding | Christmas cake | mince pies |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| a. might contain a coin |  |  |  |
| b. covered in marzipan |  |  |  |
| c. all the family stirs the ingredients |  |  |  |
| d. decorated with a star |  |  |  |
| e. pastry pies |  |  |  |

Reading Task 2: Read the following text about a popular celebration: CARNIVAL.

Towns all over Britain have a carnival every year in the summer. It's a day of fun and entertainment, and everybody in the town joins in!


Many carnivals have a different theme every year, for example fairy tales or superheroes! People dress up in costumes and decorate the town's important buildings with colourful flags on string, called bunting.
The main event is the carnival parodel A long line of decorated vehicles called floats drive slowly through the town, with performers and dancers on them. They're followed by marching bands and more people in costumes. Everybody loves watching them!
One of the oldest traditions is to vote for the carnival queen. Any gin in the town can enter the
 competition. The carnival queen wears a beautiful dress and carries flowers. She walks through the town, or sometimes she rides in a carriage.
In the town centre, there are stalls seling traditional food and summer treats, like strawberries and cream. Some towns have a funfair. Camival time is fun for everybody!


1. From the text find:
a. two carnival themes
b. a general word for all kinds of transport
c. three groups that take part in the carnival
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
d. a word for a small shop in a market that sells food $\qquad$
2. Fill in with ONE word from the text:

Carnival in Britain is celebrated in a) $\qquad$ . People wear b) $\qquad$ and attend the c) $\qquad$ which consists of
floats, performers, dancers and d) $\qquad$ . Girls can participate in the Carnival Queen e) $\qquad$ . For this occasion, towns are decorated with f) $\qquad$ and stalls are set up selling g) $\qquad$ food. Some towns have ah) $\qquad$ .

## SPEAKING TASKS

## Speaking Task 1 - Inverted Interview

Tell the learner, while placing the picture in front of him or her:
"I want you to look at this photo. Now, I know the people in the photo. You can ask me questions about them and I will answer. What would you like to know about them?"

If the learner does not know what to ask, the adult can use prompts such as:

- the place
- the event
- the relationship between these young people
- their feelings at this moment
- the moments just before the picture was taken
- what happened after the picture was taken
- what their friends said to them after the event
- their hobbies; free time; family; home
- your personal opinion about the event in the picture
- anything else the learner wishes to ask




## Speaking Task 2 - PowerPoint Presentation

People all around the world celebrate many occasions with their own traditions and rituals. Some of the most popular are listed in the table below.

| For eight days each November or December, Jews light a special <br> candleholder called a menorah to remember an ancient miracle. | Hannukah |
| :--- | :---: |
| On December 13, girls in Sweden dress up in white gowns with red <br> sashes, and wreaths of burning candles on their heads. | St. Lucia |
| People celebrate this Christian holiday by going to church, giving <br> gifts, singing Carols and sharing the day with their families. | Christmas |
| African Americans dress in special clothes, decorate their homes <br> with fruits and vegetables, and light a candleholder called a <br> kinara. | Kwanzaa |
| People dress in green and children then squirt each other with <br> water pistols filled with yellow- or red-coloured liquid. | Holi |
| Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. People <br> attend church and enjoy making egg trees and egg hunts. | Easter |
| Mexicans remember their loved ones who have died by visiting <br> them and having a meal right in the graveyard. | Day of <br> the Dead |
| It is the first day of the year. It celebrates both the successes of <br> the past year and the hopes for the coming year. | New Year |
| On March 17, people celebrate Irish culture and the Catholic <br> patron saint of Ireland. | St. Patrick |
| On April 1, people play practical jokes and hoaxes. Jokesters often <br> expose their actions by shouting "April Fool" at the receiver. | April Fool's |
| On February 14, people greet loved ones by sending them cards <br> called valentines and give candy, flowers, and other gifts. | Valentine's |
| Day |  |

Other popular celebrations include, La Tomatina in Spain, Thanksgiving and Mardi Gras in the USA.

Pick one of these celebrations and make a PowerPoint presentation about it.
Useful links: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3-uh_HSM2xI
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Sv0ac-W8Vc
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cSyXiAeYnC8

## WRITING TASKS

For templates and guidelines, please refer to the Writing Resource Pack via this link: https://curriculum.gov.mt/en/new syllabi/Documents/Yr03 to Yr06 English/Engli sh_Level_5_Writing_Genre_Resource_Pack_2020_v2.pdf

## Short Writing Task 1- Poster

Design a poster to announce an Easter/Christmas/Carnival activity being organised in your local village and to persuade others to attend. Make it bold and colourful.

Keep in mind the following features of a poster (or leaflet).

## Posters and Leaflets

## Short, snappy sentences/phrases

 An eye catching layoutA catchy slogan Something to offer Attention grabbing pictures or photographs A final reminder of the product or message


Include:
name of event, venue, date, time, price, directions, transport, activities and a catchy slogan.

## Short Writing Task 2 - Message to say thanks

You want to thank a loved one for something special he or she said, did or gave you. Write a short message in the writing frame.


This word mat should help you.


When ready, go through the success criteria for writing a message and make sure you can tick them all.

## Writing a message



My message starts with a salutation 'Hi' or 'Dear' followed by a comma and the name of the recipient or just with the name of the recipient.


My message has a closing 'From', 'Yours' or 'Love' followed by a comma and your name or just your name.


My message is clear, focused and easy to understand.


I used the first person ' $I$ '.


I used a friendly, chatty style of writing.


My sentences begin with capital letters.


My sentences end with correct punctuation marks.


I checked for spelling errors.


My message is neat and legible.


## Long Writing Task - Non-Chronological Report

Choose one public or national holiday which is celebrated in Malta and create a short report about it.

Use this writing frame to plan your work.

## Celebrations around the World

| What is the name <br> of the celebration <br> you researched? | How do people <br> celebrate <br> the occasion? | Show where <br> the event is <br> celebrated on a map. | What is the origin <br> of the celebration? | Where does the <br> celebration occur? | When does the <br> celebration happen? |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Does the <br> What do people <br> eat during the <br> celebration? | What do people <br> wear during the <br> celebration? <br> any similarities <br> with any other <br> celebrations from <br> around the world? | Write one <br> interesting <br> fact about the <br> celebration. | Is the event a <br> celebration or a <br> commemoration? |


| General Introduction | Introduce the subject. <br> Who? What? <br> When? Where? |
| :---: | :---: |
| Paragraph 1 | Write about different aspects in each paragraph. Information |
| Paragraph 2 | - Interesting <br> Facts <br> - Technical <br> Vocabulary <br> - Descriptions |
| Paragraph 3 | If needed include pictures or diagrams. |
| Conclusion | Summarise. <br> Recap key facts. <br> Ask a question. <br> Give an opinion |

After you write your report make sure you can tick all the success criteria.

## Writina a non-chronological report <br> 8ทตeess 

My report includes an introduction, sub-headings, a conclusion and a picture.My report starts with an introduction which is focused on the topic.The information in each paragraph refers to its subtitle.The conclusion summarises the topic.My sentences begin with capital letters.My sentences end with the correct punctuation marks.I have checked for spelling errors.My non-chronological report is neat and legible.


## Long Writing Task 2 - Informal email

Write an email to your aunt Clara who lives in Austria and tell her how you celebrated a special occasion with your loved ones (e.g. a christening, a wedding ...) The writing frames can help you plan your work.




When you are ready, make sure you can tick all the success criteria.

## Writing an email

I wrote the email address and email subject in the right spaces.
My email has a salutation "Dear" followed by a comma and the receiver's name.
$\square$ My email has a closing "Best regards", "Best wishes" or "Love" followed by a comma.I signed off my email.I included a beginning, a middle and an ending.
My introduction has $2 / 3$ sentences and consists of a greeting, a reference to the last email and the reason why I am writing the email.My conclusion has $2 / 3$ sentences and sums up my letter, sends my regards and asks the receiver to write back.


I used the first person ' $I$ '.I used a friendly, chatty style of writing.


I asked questions throughout the email.
My sentences being with capital letters.


My sentences end with the correct punctuation marks.


I checked for spelling errors.
My email is neat and legible.

## LITERATURE TASK

## Pre-Reading/Warmer:

Read this infographic text to learn some facts about April Fool's Day which is celebrated on the $1^{\text {st }}$ of April.
$\checkmark$ What do you think of this celebration?
$\checkmark$ Do you do or receive pranks?

## April Fool's Day

## Exact

 . cunknown. Also calledAll Zool's Day


Europeans yell
"April Jish!" instead of April Fool's.


The BBC reports that growing your own spaghetti has flourished in

Switzerland. Callers are encouraged to place a sprig of spaghetti in a can of tomato sauce in order to grow their own.


The Flamingo Park Zoo of Yorkshire releases a photo claiming to have found the Loch Ness Monster. It was later found out it was a seal in water after they had shaved its whiskers.


The BBC reports that Big Ben's clock face will become digital in an attempt to modernize.

Read the poem April Fool's Day and listen to the poet Kenn Nesbitt reading it on April Fool's Day - Kenn Nesbitt's Poetry4kids.com. Then answer the questions.

Mackenzie put a whoopie cushion on the teacher's chair.
Makayla told the teacher that a bug was in her hair.


Alyssa brought an apple with a purple gummy worm and gave it to the teacher just to see if she would squirm.


Elijah left a piece of plastic dog poo on the floor, and Vincent put some plastic vomit in the teacher's drawer.


## Amanda put a goldfish

in the teacher's drinking glass.
These April Fool's Day pranks are ones that you could use in class.

Before you go and try them, though, there's something I should mention: The teacher wasn't fooling when she put us in detention.

## Questions:

1. The poem has a)

b) $\qquad$ . The last word in the second line rhymes with the last word in the c) $\qquad$ line, example, 'mention' rhymes with 'detention'. They rhythm of the poem is $d$ ) $\qquad$ .
2. How many pupils pranked the teacher?
3. Who put the bug in the teacher's hair?
4. What did Vincent put in the drawer?
5. What prank did Amanda pull?
6. The poet makes a suggestion. Write it down.
7. Do you think the teacher was pleased with the pupils' pranks? Yes/No Why? $\qquad$
8. The pupils were daring and cheeky. Find proof from the poem and write it down.
$\qquad$

## Post-Reading:

On April Fool's news agencies publish or air hoax news.
Hoax news or fake news, is false information or propaganda published under the guise of being authentic.

Write a hoax news which is almost believable but also a bit silly about your school. Include a heading and sub-heading, interesting word choices to make people want to read it.

Use the writing frame.


## FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

Read about two other feasts celebrated in the UK. Try to answer the True or False questions and fill in the blank spaces.


The words below are related to celebrations. Try to match them with their definitions.
Then use some of the words to complete the sentences.

1. barbecue
2. family gathering
3. christening
4. fete / fair
5. funeral
6. get-together
7. anniversary party
8. birthday party
9. cocktail party
10. dinner party
11. fancy dress party
12. party
13. wedding

| A party where formal clothing or attire is required |
| :--- |
| A celcbration of someone's birth |
| a party which takes place during a long, usually formal, dinner |
| an informal gathering of people |
| A celebration of some kind ivhere there are many invited guests |
| a large party or gathering |
| baptismal celebration |
| a marriage ceremony and any celebratlons such as a meal or a party which <br> follow it |
| A celebration for an anniversary such as a marriage anniversary, work <br> anniversary etc. |
| burial ceremony |
| an occasion during which members of the extended family meet to be with <br> each other |
| outdoor event where people cook on a grill |
| a formal party with alcoholic drinks, usually in the early evening |



Other Celebrations

1. bonfire
2. commemorate
3. costume
4. firework
5. display
6. flag
7. float
8. parade
9. procession
10. site

| a location or place where something takes place |
| :--- |
| a large display, often with people aboard, used during a parade |
| an exhibition or to exhibit for other people |
| a large procession of many people often featuring floats, marching bands, <br> etc. <br> clothing that you wear as a dlsgulse for fun to a party or other event <br> a group of people valking through town or other area <br> to honor the memory of some important event <br> rocket which displays light display in the sky <br> a pennant showing colors or representing a nation or special group of people <br> a large outdoor fire often held in autumn $\mathbf{l}$ |


a) We had all our friends over for a $\qquad$ in the garden last weekend.
b) Are you going to attend the $\qquad$ for Mr. Smilth?
c) Jack and Lilly celebrated their 50th $\qquad$ with a large anniversary party for all their farnily and friends.
d) I threw a surprise birthday $\qquad$ for my wife last year.
e) Today we $\qquad$ all the soldiers lost in battle during the World War II.
f) Tom had a great $\qquad$ on at the party. He was dressed as Dracula!
g) There was a solerrin $\qquad$ to the Town Hall to protest recent events.
h) They chose a beautiful $\qquad$ for their anniversary party.
i) Do you know the date of Caroline and Matthew's $\qquad$ ?

| IDIOM | MEANING | EXAMPLE SENTENCE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| throw <br> a party | to host a party | For my $21^{\text {st }}$ birthday, I am throwing a party. Everyone is invited. |
| crash <br> a party | to show up uninvited | I heard that Mr. Wilson often crashes parties so he can eat and drink for free. |
| to be the life of the party | to entertain everyone, to be the centre of attention | Jack is very funny and energetic. He is the life of the party. |
| to be a wallflower | someone who is shy and stands in the corner at a party and does not socialise very much | If you want to make new friends at Jess' party stop being a wallflower. Smile at people and mingle. |
| to be a party animal | someone who loves parties | Josh never gets up before 10 am on a Sunday. He spends Saturday night out partying. He is such a party animal. |
| all (one's) <br> Christmases have come at once | when one is experiencing an extraordinary amount of good fortune. | Seeing my beautiful baby girl for the first time, well, it felt like all my Chri stmases had come at once. |
| to ring in the New Year | to celebrate the beginning of the New Year | Let's ring in the New Year together! We will have a party at my house. |

Task 1: Choose FOUR idioms from the table and put them in a sentence.
E.g. You will never find him at home during the weekend. He is a party animal.
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

Task 2: Idioms Charades
Write each idiom on a piece of paper. Pick one but keep it a secret from the other players. Act it out. The other players must guess the idiom from your actions. Finally invert the roles and try to guess the idioms yourself.
READ AND WATCH

FILMS:


Try to watch Coco to get a glimpse on how Mexicans celebrate the Day of the Dead and Despicable Me 2 to understand how Mexicans celebrate Cinco de Mayo.


BOOKS:


Fill in a Book Review and/or Film Review about one of the suggested books/films.


www.twinkl.com,
www.poetry4kids.com
IWonder 4 Pupil's Book by Bob Obee
40 Listening Activities for Lower-Level Class by Scholastic

## ANSWERS

## Listening Task

A. $5,6,1,2,3,4$
B. 1. F
2. F
C. costumes mistletoe
D. 1. festival
2. different
3. F
hearts
4. T
5. F
fireworks
3. cross
4. work
5. chocolate

## Post-Listening Task 1

1. The blue egg is on top of the second building on the left.
2. The striped egg is on the bush on the right hand side of the picture.
3. The orange egg is behind some rocks which are next to a flight of steps.
4. The green egg is in front of some tall grass.
5. The purple egg is at the top of the waterfall.
6. The zigzag egg is in front of the yellow flowerbed.
7. The pink and white egg is beside the red platform.
8. The spotted egg is in the middle of the flowerbed on the left hand side of the picture.

## Reading Task 1

1. a. T
b. F
c. $F$
d. T
e. F
2. a. the last Sunday in November
b. Christmas cake
c. from the beginning of December
3. 

|  | Christmas pudding | Christmas cake | mince pies |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| a. might contain a coin | $\checkmark$ |  |  |
| b. covered in marzipan |  | $\checkmark$ |  |
| c. all the family stirs the ingredients | $\checkmark$ |  |  |
| d. decorated with a star |  |  | $\checkmark$ |
| e. pastry pies |  |  | $\checkmark$ |

## Reading Task 2

1. a. fairy tales, super heroes
b. vehicles
c. performers, dancers, Carnival Queen
d. stall
2. a. summer
b. costumes
c. parade
d. marching band
e. competition
f. bunting
g. traditional
h. funfair

## Literature Task

1 a. five
b. lines
c. fourth
d. fast
2. six pupils
3. Makayla
4. He put plastic vomit.
5. She put a goldfish in a drinking glass.
6. To use these pranks in class.
7. No. She put them in detention.
8. The pulled a lot of pranks on their teacher.

Don't forget to read for at least 20 minutes a day.

Some free eBooks are available on the following sites:
https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/ http://www.storiesfromtheweb.org/earlyyears/sfw07_stories.asp
http://www.littlegiraffes.com/storyprops1.html
http://www.storyplace.org/preschool/other.asp
http://www.priorywoods.middlesbrough.sch.uk/kidsonly/story/story.htm
http://www.schoolexpress.com/storytime.php
http://www.storylineonline.net
https://www.worldbookday.com/

If you want someone to read to you, you can go online and choose a story from: https://www.storylineonline.net/

Teachers and Parents, for more resources, you can visit:
http://taleinmalta.wixsite.com/elrc/resources
the official curriculum website:
https://curriculum.gov.mt/en/Pages/Home.aspx
the Digital Resources tab:
https://curriculum.gov.mt/en/digital_resources/Pages/PrimaryEnglishResources.aspx
the central front-facing resource lesson and activity information hub for all
curricular matters:
https://teleskola.mt

