



Cultural Celebrations

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New Words

Crop: A product that is grown and then cut/gathered such as Wheat

Harvest- Cutting/gathering of crops

Milestone- An important stage or event in one's life

Fast-A period of time when you eat no food

Tradition-Handing down of beliefs or information from one generation to another

Commemorate-To do something special to remember someone or something special from past

Landmark=Milestone (An important stage in something's development)

Diverse-of various kinds and forms



Why do people celebrate?

Everyone loves a celebration! Since earliest times, people have looked for reasons to celebrate – from the phases of the moon, to the harvesting of crops, to different milestones in an individual's life.



How do people celebrate?

People dance, decorate their places, dress up, sing songs, tell stories, feast on food & drinks and enjoy. For celebrations, they invite their family and friends. For some celebrations, people pray, go to special places and sometimes even fast.



Types of Celebrations

Religious Celebrations:

The celebrations which are done to honour God such as Christmas, Easter, Eid, Diwali and Bodhi Day etc.



Traditional Celebrations

The celebrations which are passed on from one generation to another to commemorate an event, person/s or our values and beliefs. In New Zealand, Matariki is a traditional celebration. What traditional celebration do you have in your culture?



Change of Season Celebrations

In many countries people celebrate the change of seasons and harvesting of crops. Around the world, we see summer, spring, winter and autumn festivals. In India, people celebrate Baisakhi and Pongal as harvest festivals. In China, it is Moon Festival and Rice Harvest Festival in Indonesia.



Personal Celebrations

People celebrate personal achievements , landmarks and special days such as birthdays, engagements, weddings, wedding anniversary and graduation etc.



What is important for us to remember?

People have diverse traditions and celebrations and they can be different from ours. Differences in our cultures, religions and even celebrations enrich our lives. They give us new ideas. Hence it is very important that we respect all cultures.



Your Turn Now: Pair & Share

Tell us about a unique celebration from your culture using the following headings:

What: name of the celebration

Why: purpose of the celebration

When: time /season/day of the celebration

Where-place of celebration

How: what do you do for this celebration?

Add on: what is unique about this celebration?