

Intensive English 7

A. LESSON:

UNIT

2b

Celebrations

Vocabulary

- Traditions

1 Which of the phrases in the list below best match pictures A and B?

light candles

put on masks

have fun

carry away bad luck

put on red noses


full moon

apologize


watch a parade

throw candy to the crowd

wear funny clothes



A



B

Reading & Speaking

2 What are people celebrating in each picture? Read, listen, and say.

People in every country have special celebrations. Are you celebrating something soon? Post a message!

Here in Germany we **celebrate** Carnival on the first Monday in February. We **put on** masks and red noses and wear funny clothes. Today we're having a party at school. **Later** we're watching the parade. I can't wait to catch the candy that the people on the floats **throw** to the crowd.

Hans Posted 2/5

Today we're celebrating Loy Krathong. It's a very popular festival in Thailand. It happens at the end of the rainy season to **apologize** to water for making it dirty. The festival starts in the evening when there's a **full moon** in the sky. We decorate rafts (krathongs) with flowers and candles. We **light** the candles and put the rafts on the rivers. We believe the rafts **carry away** bad luck and that this allows us to start a new life.

Lia Posted 7/20

3 Read the postings on the online message board again and complete the sentences. Then explain the words in bold.

- 1 In Germany people celebrate Carnival every
- 2 People wear and on their faces.
- 3 During the parade, the people on the floats to the crowd.
- 4 People in Thailand celebrate Loy Krathong when
- 5 Loy Krathong is a way to for polluting the water.
- 6 The Thais believe that the rafts

4 THINK! Read the postings again. Use the phrases in Ex. 1 to tell your partner how people celebrate Carnival and Loy Krathong. Which festival would you like to attend? Why?

Listening

5 Listen to Bill talking to his friend. What is he talking about?

Bill is talking about:

A a celebration in his country.

B a school party.

C his weekend plans.

I. VOCABULARY:

- **a candle:** a stick of **wax** with a string through the middle, which you burn to give light
- **mask:** something that covers all or part of your face, to protect or to hide it
- **a parade:** a public celebration when musical bands, brightly decorated vehicles etc move down the street
- **celebrate:** *do sth enjoyable to mark an important event or a special occasion (e.g., with ceremonies or festivities)*
- **put on:** *wear*
- **later:** *after the present time*
- **catch:** *get hold of an object that is moving through the air*
- **candy:** *sweet things like chocolate, or coffee*
- **floats:** *vehicles with platforms used to carry exhibits in a parade*
- **throw:** *make an object move through the air*
- **crowd:** *large group of people gathered*
- **popular:** *liked by many*
- **apologize:** *tell sb one is sorry for having done sth wrong*
- **dirty:** *not clean*
- **full moon:** *when the moon is visible as a complete circle*
- **rafts:** *flat, floating structures, usually made of wood*
- **light:** *make sth start to burn*
- **believe:** *think that sth is true or possible*
- **carry away:** *take from one place to another*
- **bad luck:** *bad things that happen by chance*
- **life:** *the period of time when sb is alive*

ANSWER KEY:

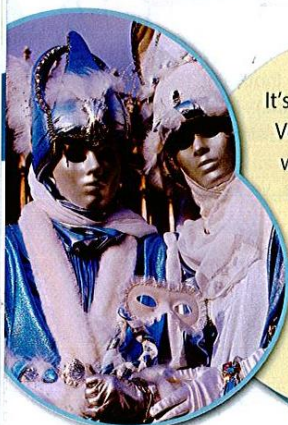
1.
A – *throw candy to the crowd, wear funny clothes, watch a parade*
B – *light candles*
2.
A – *Carnival*
B – *Loy Krathong*
- 3.

1. February
2. masks, red noses
3. throw candy
4. the rainy season ends
5. apologize
6. carry away bad luck

UNIT 2b

Vocabulary

- 1 Use the words to complete the description.
• masks • costumes • parade • festival



It's Carnival time in Venice, Italy. People are wearing colorful 1) and beautiful 2) Others are watching the 3) Carnival is a popular 4) in Venice.

- 2 Choose the correct word.

- 1 Tonight there's a **full/round** moon in the sky.
- 2 During the celebration, people **fire/light** candles.
- 3 People believe the rafts carry away bad **life/luck**.
- 4 The party is great. Everyone's having **luck/fun**.
- 5 The people on the floats **throw/put** candy to the crowd.
- 6 The people in the parade **carry/wear** funny costumes.

Listening

- 3 Listen to Katherine describing her family trip and mark statements 1-5 as T (true) or F (false).

- 1 Katherine is in Italy.
- 2 She's staying at a big hotel.
- 3 Her parents are at the pool now.
- 4 They're going to a parade tonight.
- 5 Today is her birthday.

Grammar

- 4 Circle the correct word.

- 1 The festival in the evening.
A is starting B starting C starts
- 2 Rita to a party today.
A is going B goes C going
- 3 It usually in the winter.
A is raining B rains C rain
- 4 Do you my new dress?
A likes B liking C like
- 5 We ice-skating this afternoon.
A goes B are going C go
- 6 George doing his homework?
A Is B Does C Do
- 7 Mary and Dan to school on foot.
A goes B going C go
- 8 He like chocolate cake.
A doesn't B don't C isn't
- 9 Where she live?
A has B does C is
- 10 He 16 this Sunday.
A is turning B turn C doesn't turns

- 5 Put the verbs in parentheses in the **simple present** or the **present progressive**.

Dear Lisa,

I 1) (be) so excited. I 2) (celebrate) my fifteenth birthday this Saturday and I 3) (want) to invite you to my party. I 4) (hope) you can come. All my classmates 5) (come) too.

We 6) (want) to have the party in the backyard, so my parents are busy decorating it. The party 7) (start) at 7:00. Why 8) (not/you sleep) over? It'll be fun! Please say you're coming!

Love,
Anne

Answer key: exercise 1

- 1/ masks
- 2/ Costumes
- 3/ parades
- 4/ festival

Exercise 2:

- 1/ full 2/ light 3/ luck 4/ fun 5/ throw 6/ wear

Exercise3: Students don't need to listen if they don't have the tapes or CDs;

Exercise 4:

- 1 c 2a 3b 4 c 5b 6a 7c 8a 9b 10a

Exercise 5:

1. Am 2 am celebrating 3. want 4. hope 5. are coming 6. want
7. Starts 8. don't you sleep