

WHAT DO YOU USUALLY DO FOR **NEW YEAR'S?**

People celebrating the Yee Peng festival in Chiang Mai, Thailand

UNIT GOALS

By the end of this unit, you will be able to:

- talk about what people do during festivals
- use prepositions of time
- use correct syllable stress

Preview

A 12-46 Listen. Match the teenagers to the occasions they celebrate.

1. Maria a. goes to a festival. He watches a _____.
2. Yang b. celebrates Chinese New Year. He watches the _____.
3. Philippe c. celebrates her birthday. She has a _____.
4. Aditi d. celebrates New Year. She puts up _____.
5. Chrystie e. celebrates Diwali. She eats _____.

B 12-46 Listen again. Complete the sentences (1-5) in A. Use the words below.



fireworks



party



decorations



special food



parade

C Talk with a partner. How do you celebrate your favorite festival?

What's your favorite festival? How do you celebrate it?

My favorite festival is New Year. I usually have a party at home and watch fireworks at night.

Language Focus

A Listen and read. Then repeat the conversation and replace the words in **blue**.

REAL ENGLISH That's nice!

B Practice with a partner. Replace any words to make your own conversation.



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TALKING ABOUT SPECIAL OCCASIONS—PREPOSITIONS OF TIME (P. 171)

I went to a festival **during** the holidays.

What did you do **on** New Year's Eve?

What did you do **in** summer?

Did you go on vacation **for** Lunar New Year?

We **went** to a party.

I **visited** my family.

Yes, I did.

No, I didn't. I **stayed** at home.



C 12-49 Complete the conversation. Use the words in the box. Listen and check.

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David: When's your birthday, Elisa?
 Elisa: It was last month. It was (1) _____ July 10th.
 David: Great! What did you do?
 Elisa: Well, it was (2) _____ the summer holidays, so I went to Spain. When is your birthday, David?
 David: Well, my birthday is (3) _____ winter. It's (4) _____ the winter holidays!
 Elisa: Oh, I remember! It's (5) _____ December 23rd. I came to your birthday party last year!

DO YOU KNOW?



Which city in Việt Nam organizes an international fireworks festival every year?

- a. Huế
- b. Đà Nẵng

D Complete the conversation. Use the correct form of the words from the box.

be eat open do visit put have watch

For my birthday, I usually (1) _____ a party at home. I also (2) _____ special food. My aunt and uncle always (3) _____ my home. We all (4) _____ up decorations. Last year, we had a barbecue party and fireworks. We all (5) _____ the fireworks and ate some good food. Then we (6) _____ the cards and the presents. It (7) _____ great. I hope we can (8) _____ the same thing this year.

E Play a game with a partner. **Student A:** Imagine you had a party. **Student B:** Ask your partner questions and find out more information. Take turns.

When was your party?

It was on December 31st.

Was it a New Year's Eve party?

Incense sticks outside a temple on Chinese New Year, Malacca, Malaysia



Festivals Around the World

Countries all around the world celebrate different types of festivals. People eat special food, dance, and have a good time. At festivals, people sometimes dress up in amazing costumes and put on brightly colored makeup. Festival costumes are sometimes strange, scary, or funny. Here are some unusual costumes from Europe.

A 2-50 Listen. Number the costumes in the photos in the order you hear their descriptions.

B 2-51 Listen. Circle T for True or F for False.

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| 1. Festivals in Europe usually take place from the beginning of November. | T | F |
| 2. In Portugal, people decorate trees during the Lazarim Carnival. | T | F |
| 3. During the Lazarim Carnival, there are singing competitions. | T | F |
| 4. In Spain, people have a festival to enjoy the last nights of summer. | T | F |
| 5. People wear scary costumes during a carnival in Austria. | T | F |

Discussion. Which festival on this page is your favorite? Why?



Pronunciation

Syllable stress

A **12-52** Listen to the stressed syllables. Repeat the words.

1. barbecue 2. decoration

B **12-53** Listen and underline the stressed syllable.

1. festival 2. vacation 3. party 4. celebrate
5. around 6. summer 7. amazing 8. winter

C Work with a partner. Take turns to read the words in B.

Communication

Take a class survey. How did your classmates celebrate their birthdays last year? Ask questions and note the names. Then add more information.

FIND SOMEONE WHO . . .	NAME	MORE INFORMATION
. . . went out with friends.		
. . . spent time with his or her family.		
. . . watched a movie.		
. . . went somewhere interesting.		
. . . had a party.		

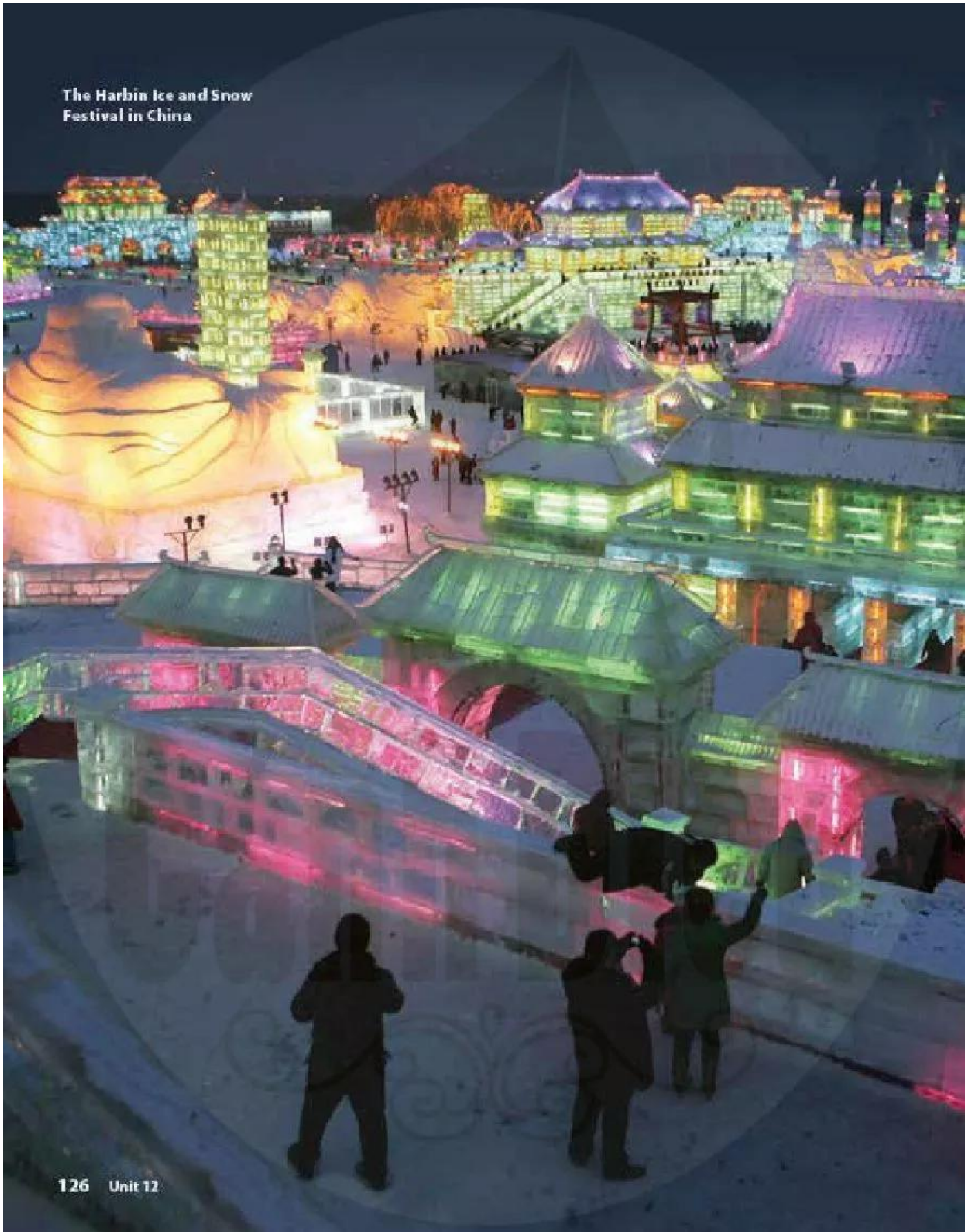
Hey, what did you do for your birthday last year?

I went out with friends.

Cool! Who did you go with?

Minh and Maya.

The Harbin Ice and Snow Festival in China





Reading

- A** Look at the photo and read the title. When do you think this festival takes place? What do you think the weather is like?
- B** Read quickly. Underline the weather words.
- C** Read again. Where is the city of Harbin?

HARBIN ICE and SNOW FESTIVAL

Every year, on January 5th, the city of Harbin in northeast China changes into a winter wonderland. Tourists from all around the world come to visit this amazing ice and snow festival.

- The festival started in 1963 and began as a winter party. The festival
5 usually lasts for one month. However, if the weather stays cold and dry, it goes on for a few more days. Temperatures are usually very cold. They can go down to -17°C.

- Ice sculptors use different tools to carve the hard ice and snow. These sculptors display their work in two main areas. "Sun Island" has huge
10 snow sculptures of people and animals. "Ice and Snow World" has sculptures of buildings. At night, these buildings light up with brightly colored lights.

Visitors can do a lot of other activities, such as skiing and ice sliding. They can also go swimming in the icy waters of the Songhua River.

- 15 The Harbin Ice and Snow Festival is very popular. Every year, hundreds of thousands of people visit the festival.

 2-54 OPTIONAL AUDIO

Comprehension

A Choose the correct answers for Harbin Ice and Snow Festival.

- Main Idea** This article is mainly about _____.
a. a festival in China b. a winter party c. festivals around the world
- Inference** The festival continues for more than a month if the weather is _____.
a. cold and wet b. cold and dry c. cold and sunny
- Vocabulary** People who make things from ice and snow are called _____.
a. sculptures b. monuments c. sculptors
- Vocabulary** What does the word "display" mean? (line 9)
a. carve b. show c. make
- Detail** Which activity is NOT mentioned in the article?
a. skating b. skiing c. swimming

B Complete the word web.



C CRITICAL THINKING Talk with a partner. What festivals is your country famous for? How are they different from festivals in other countries?

Writing

Write a postcard.
Tell your friend about a carnival. Write 40–60 words.

Hi Yoko,

Greetings from Rio de Janeiro in Brazil. It's really fun here! We're at the Carnival. There's a big parade with music and dancing. We're wearing interesting costumes, too! There's also a lot of amazing food. It's awesome! We're having a great time! Wish you were here!

Best wishes,
Stefan



OPTIONAL

VIDEO

Monkey Festival

ABOUT THE VIDEO

One town has a special festival for monkeys.

BEFORE YOU WATCH

Look at the photo. Circle two words you think you will hear to describe the monkeys.

angry naughty funny colorful big

WHILE YOU WATCH

A Check your answers to the Before You Watch question.

B Watch the video again. Circle T for True or F for False.

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| 1. The festival is in Thailand. | T | F |
| 2. Hanuman is the name of a place. | T | F |
| 3. Some people at the festival wear costumes. | T | F |
| 4. Tourists think that the monkeys are dangerous. | T | F |
| 5. The tourist was angry when the monkey took his sunglasses. | T | F |

AFTER YOU WATCH

Talk with a partner. Do you want to go to this festival? Do you know any other animal festivals?

Monkeys play at a temple during the Monkey Festival

