

What do you celebrate?

1 Look at Lisa's scrapbook page and label the events.

-  Matt's graduation
-  Anna's birthday
-  Independence Day
-  New Year's Eve



2 Read and number the photo captions.

- My cousin's **blowing out her candles**! I can't believe she's ten!
- He's **wearing a cap and gown**. He looks really **handsome**.
- We're **watching a parade**! This marching band is playing the **national anthem**.
- She's **opening** her **presents**! That one was from me!
- Here he's **getting a diploma**! He starts **college** in the fall.
- Everyone's **waving** American **flags** and wearing red, white and blue!
- I'm **making resolutions**. Next year, I want to eat better and smile more!
- They're **setting off** fireworks. Beautiful!



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3 Read and complete the celebration activities.

- 1. make _____
- 2. blow out _____
- 3. wear a _____
- 4. set off _____
- 5. wave _____
- 6. open _____
- 7. get a _____
- 8. watch a _____

4 Listen and number the celebrations.

- Independence Day a birthday New Year's Eve graduation

5 Classify the words.

- cake candles cap and gown fireworks flag diploma marching band parade presents singing

Independence Day	Birthday	New Year's Eve	Graduation

Guess What!

On New Year's Eve in Denmark, people smash plates against their friends' doors for good luck in the next year.

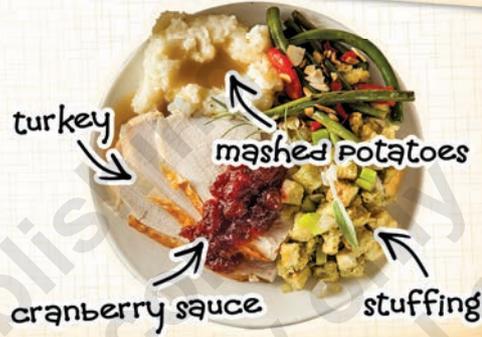
Glossary

- handsome:** good-looking
- national anthem:** the official song of a country
- college:** a school where you go after high school to get a bachelor's degree
- smash:** to break

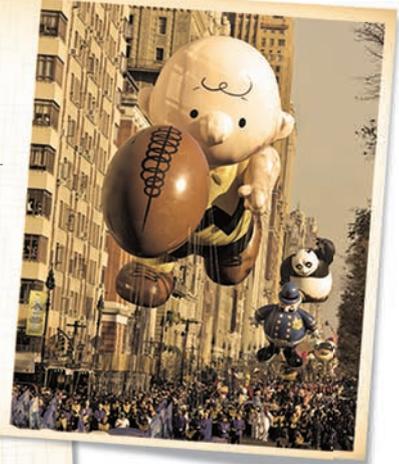
3 min Think Fast! Scramble five celebrations words for a classmate to guess.

1 Read quickly and complete.

Thanksgiving is one of the largest celebrations in the United States. It is always on the fourth Thursday of November. Millions of people gather for a day of feasting, football and family. On Thanksgiving morning, 3.5 million people watch the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. More than 50 million people watch the event on TV. In the afternoon or evening, families have a delicious turkey dinner.



Every year, millions of people celebrate _____
by watching the _____
_____ in New York City.



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2 Read and circle the correct option.

1. Thanksgiving is **today** / **next week**.
2. They **are** / **aren't** celebrating Thanksgiving in New York.
3. They **are** / **aren't** visiting their grandparents next week.

Guess What!

Pumpkin pie is the most popular pie for Thanksgiving dinners.



WE'RE VISITING GRANDPARENTS NEXT WEEK!

...WHICH MEANS WE'RE CELEBRATING THANKSGIVING IN NEW YORK THIS YEAR!

HOORAY! WHEN ARE WE LEAVING?

Happy Thanksgiving



**Present Continuous
(future meaning)**

We can use Present Continuous to talk about future plans, such as a travel itinerary.

≡  **4 Listen and mark (✓ or X) the plans for the trip.**

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|---|---|
|  flying <input type="checkbox"/> |  taking the bus <input type="checkbox"/> |
|  staying in a hotel <input type="checkbox"/> |  staying with their grandparents <input type="checkbox"/> |
|  having dinner <input type="checkbox"/> |  watching football <input type="checkbox"/> |
|  going shopping at midnight <input type="checkbox"/> |  going to the parade <input type="checkbox"/> |

4  **5 Listen and circle T (True) or F (False).**



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|---|---|---|
| 1. The kids are arriving tomorrow morning. | T | F |
| 2. Grandma is baking a pie this afternoon. | T | F |
| 3. She's cooking the turkey on Thursday. | T | F |
| 4. Grandpa isn't helping with the preparations. | T | F |
| 5. He's taking the grandkids to the parade. | T | F |

5  **5 Listen again and unscramble the sentences.**

- are / when / coming / the kids
_____ ?
- not / I / making / a pie / am
_____ .
- you / taking / the kids / to / are / the parade
_____ .
- cooking / the turkey / on Thursday / am / I
_____ .



Think Fast! In your notebook, write five sentences about Stickman's plans for Thanksgiving.

Glossary.....

bakery: a store where you can buy bread, cake, cookies or pies

nap: a short sleep during the day

1 Read and circle the correct option.

Religious Celebrations

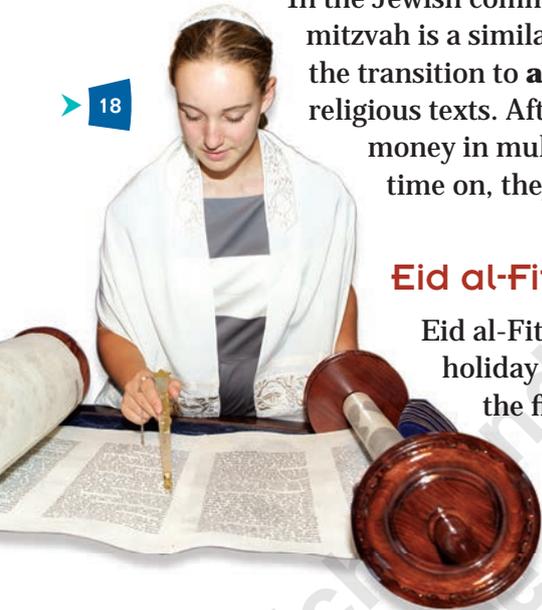
All over the world, religious celebrations are important to billions of people! Here are two religious celebrations: bar and bat mitzvahs and Eid al-Fitr.



Bar and Bat Mitzvahs

In the Jewish community, a boy becomes a bar mitzvah when he turns 13. (A bat mitzvah is a similar ceremony for girls when they turn 12.) This event celebrates the transition to **adulthood**. As a part of the occasion, children **recite** religious texts. After this ceremony, the bar or bat mitzvah receives gifts and money in multiples of 18—a number that symbolizes a long life. From this time on, they can participate as adults in religious activities.

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Eid al-Fitr

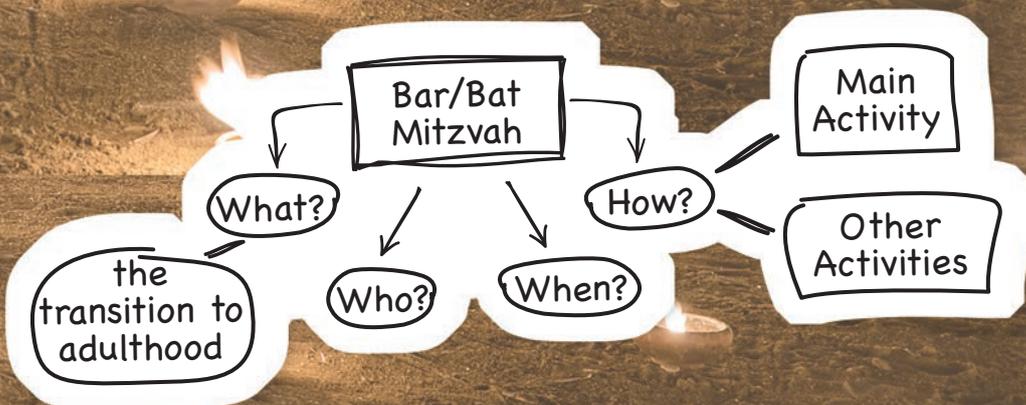
Eid al-Fitr (pronounced ed oel fit-Ur) is an important religious holiday for the world's two billion Muslims. Eid al-Fitr, or Eid, is the first day after Ramadan, a month of **fasting**. On this day, Muslims say **prayers** and have a special meal. Children open presents. Many people give to the poor or donate money to charities, an important part of the religion.

1. Bar and bat mitzvahs are **Jewish** / **Muslim** celebrations.
2. A *bar mitzvah* is the name of a celebration and the **boy** / **girl** who participates.
3. In a bat mitzvah, the participant is **12** / **13**.
4. The number **12** / **18** represents long life.
5. Eid al-Fitr is a **Jewish** / **Muslim** celebration.
6. Eid occurs **before** / **after** Ramadan.
7. People celebrate Eid by **fasting** / **eating**.

Be Strategic!

Making a mind map can help you to understand and remember information from a text. Identify the topics and then add details.

2 Read again and complete the mind map in your notebook.



Glossary

adulthood: being an adult

recite: to read a text aloud

fasting: living without food or drink

prayers: requests or expressions of gratitude

3  Listen and number.

Wesak is a religious celebration, so many Buddhists go to a temple to pray and meditate. They often take flowers and _____ with them.

And in general, when we celebrate Wesak Day, we try to make other people _____, especially people who are poor or sick.

Sunisa here! It's May and next week is a very special holiday in Thailand, and for Buddhists all over the _____: Wesak Day! On Wesak, we celebrate the **birth**, the **enlightenment** and the **death** of Buddha.

At the temple, people give _____ to the Buddhist monks—men who devote themselves to a simple life (they're easy to identify because they wear **robes**). At night, everyone walks around the temple _____ times in a special ceremony.

4  Listen again and complete.

5 In your notebook, make a mind map for Wesak Day.



Stop and Think! What do you know about religious celebrations around the world?

Glossary.....

birth: when a person is born

enlightenment: spiritual awakening

death: when a person dies

robes: long, loose gowns

1 Read the facts about Mexico and underline the one you find the most interesting.



Did you know...

In 2015, nearly 26 million tourists visited Mexico.



The smallest dog **breed** in the world, the chihuahua, got its name after the State of Chihuahua in northern Mexico.

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Mexico has 11 active volcanoes.



Every year, millions of monarch butterflies travel to Mexico from the US and Canada.



The largest pyramid in the world is in Cholula, in the Mexican state of Puebla.



Foods like red tomato, corn, avocado and chocolate originated in Mexico.



There are 32 UNESCO world heritage sites in Mexico.

2 Read and label.

Why? Who? When? Main Activities Other Activities

 November 1st and 2nd

 creating an *ofrenda*: a display with *pan de muerto*—"bread of the dead," sugar skulls, candles and flowers

 R.I.P. visiting **graves** in a **cemetery** (Some people stay all night!)

 people in Mexico: families, schools

 decorating homes and public spaces with *calacas*

 to remember to people who have died

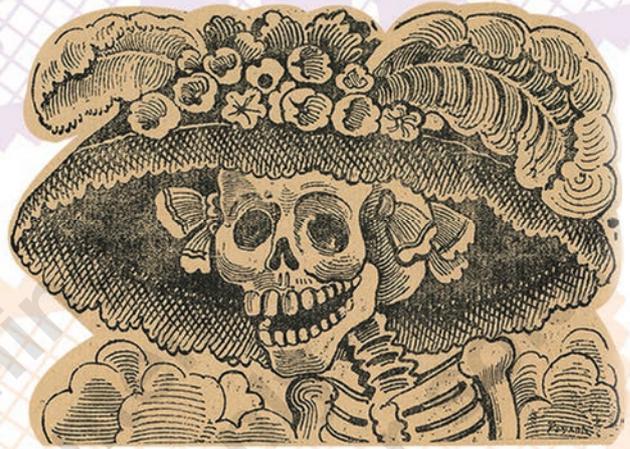


LA CATRINA

La Catrina is one of the most popular symbols of the Day of the Dead in Mexico. What is *La Catrina*? It's a skeleton of a woman in an elegant hat and a long formal dress.

La Catrina is the invention of a famous Mexican illustrator, Jose Guadalupe Posada, just before the Mexican Revolution. He drew La Catrina in 1910 to make fun of **wealthy** Mexicans who imitated European styles. Posada took his inspiration from Mictecacihuatl (mlk-tEk-si-wa-t'l), the Aztec goddess of death and queen of the underworld. Posada only illustrated the head of La Catrina in 1910. In 1947, the Mexican artist Diego Rivera painted a full-length view of La Catrina in the mural "Dream of a Sunday Afternoon in Alameda Park."

Nowadays, some people wear costumes to look like La Catrina, even outside of Mexico.



▲ La Catrina, by Jose Guadalupe Posada

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Read and answer in your notebook.

1. What is *La Catrina*?
2. When did Jose Guadalupe Posada invent this figure?
3. Why did he draw this figure wearing an elegant hat?
4. Who is Mictecacihuatl?
5. How was Diego Rivera's Catrina different?



Stop and Think! How can holidays bring people together as a community?



Glossary

breed: a type of dog with specific characteristics

graves: tombs; spaces for dead people in a cemetery

cemetery: an area with tombs

wealthy: rich



1 Look at the St. Patrick's Day infographic on page 23. Read and match.

1. St. Patrick is the patron of this country.
2. This plant is a symbol of Ireland.
3. This is a common Irish surname.
4. The first St. Patrick's Day parade was here.
5. These are Irish instruments.
6. This is a magical creature.
7. People celebrate St. Patrick's Day here too.

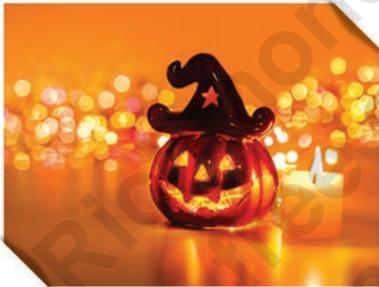
- Murphy
- Boston
- leprechaun
- Ireland
- Australia
- shamrock
- bagpipes

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2 Listen and complete the sentences.

1. Shaun's surname is _____.
2. He lives in _____.
3. His family is originally from _____.
4. There's a big _____ and fireworks in Sydney on St. Patrick's Day.
5. This year his family is having a _____ with Irish music and dancing.

3 Choose and research another celebration's origins and traditions.



Halloween



Hanukkah



Groundhog Day



Mardi Gras



Easter



Memorial Day

4 Make an infographic with your findings. Add a party invitation to your infographic.

We're organizing a St. Patrick's Day party
at school on March 17th at 7:30 p.m.

Wear something green!

We're having Irish dancing
and music.

See you there!




Happy St. Patrick's Day!



St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland.



St. Patrick's Day is March 17. According to tradition, this is the date of St. Patrick's death.

387	403	409	432	461
Patrick was born in Roman England.	Pirates kidnapped Patrick and took him to Ireland as a slave.	Patrick escaped and returned to England.	Patrick went to Ireland to teach Christianity.	Patrick died.



The shamrock—a common three-leaved plant in Ireland—is a symbol of Ireland and St. Patrick's Day. St. Patrick used the shamrock to teach about his religion.

St. Patrick's Day is special to people with Irish ancestors. Common Irish surnames include Murphy, Kelly, O'Brien, Ryan, O'Neill and O'Connor.

90%

of Americans celebrate St. Patrick's Day! In the US, you can buy green "shamrock" milkshakes on St. Patrick's Day. In Chicago, they dye the river green to celebrate this day.



Many people dress as leprechauns for St. Patrick's Day. A leprechaun is a kind of magical creature: a little man with a beard dressed in green clothing.



The very first St. Patrick's Day parade was not in Ireland but in Boston in **1737.**



Even people in Australia celebrate St. Patrick's Day! St. Patrick's Day parades normally include people playing bagpipes, a traditional Irish instrument.



1 Look and label the celebrations.



2 Read and match. Then look and number the scenes.

1. blow out

2. get

a cap and gown

a parade

candles

3. set off

4. make

flags

a diploma

presents

fireworks

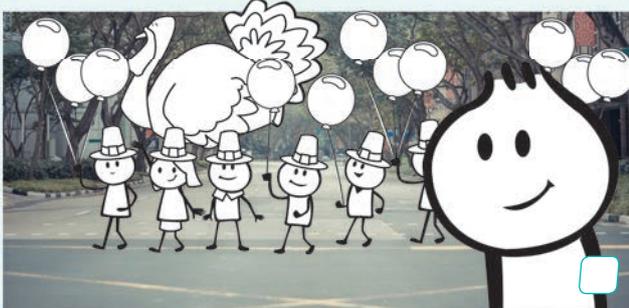
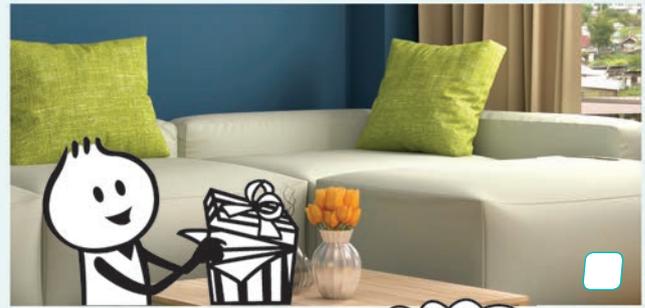
6. watch

resolutions

5. wear

7. wave

8. open



➤ **Unscramble the sentences.**

1. you / what / doing / after / school / are / ?

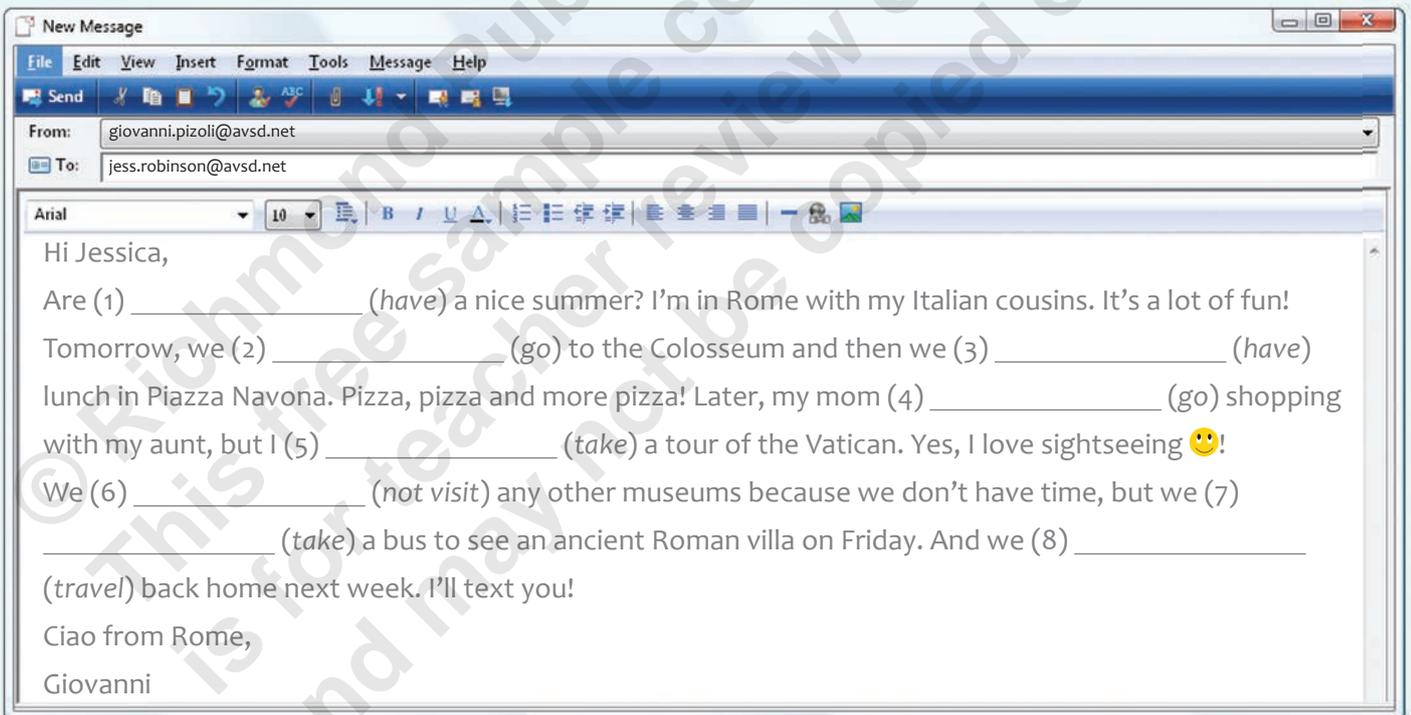
2. is / Janice / party / not / going / the / to

3. we / giving / sweater / for / Tim / birthday / a / his / are

4. to / you / the / going / football / are / tonight / game / ?

5. parents / are / my / having / not / for / Thanksgiving / turkey

➤ **Complete the e-mail using the correct forms of the verbs.**



➤ **Rewrite the sentences.**

1. We're going to a rock concert tonight! → ?

2. My friend Amy's going to the parade. → -

3. We aren't setting off fireworks tonight. → +

4. Is Paul having a graduation party? → +

5. You're going to the party. → ?

1 Read and guess the holiday. Unscramble and write.

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2 EANDPENDIDEN YCE



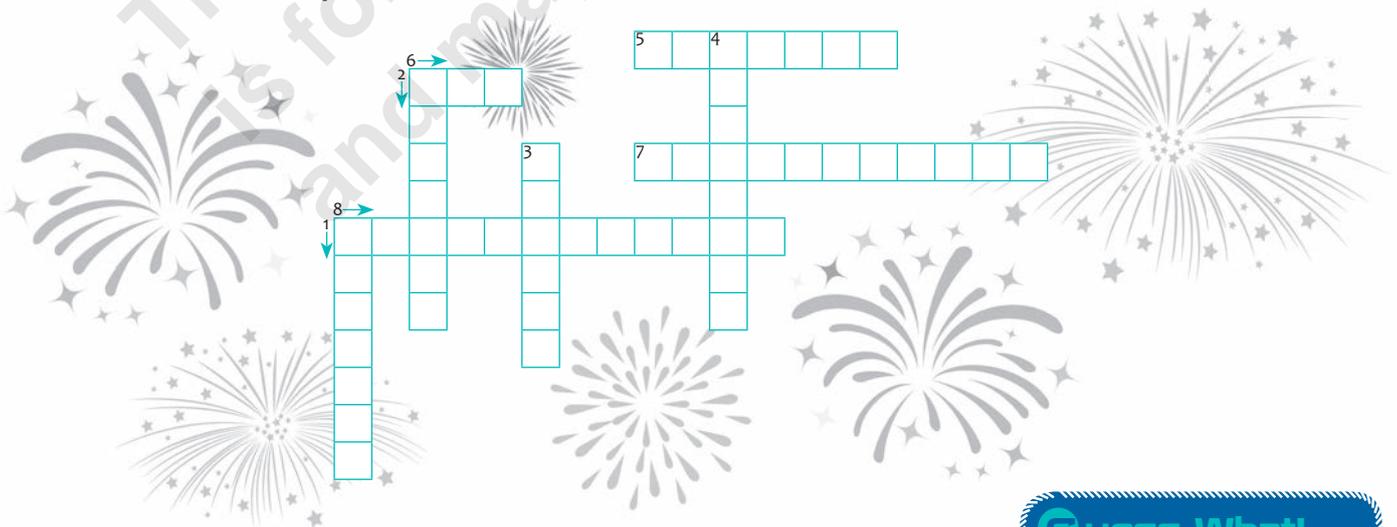
3 ANEENYLT'I'A DVS



4 VIKINGSHANTG



2 Read and solve the puzzle.



Down ↓

1. a skeleton in a dress
2. lights on a birthday cake
3. a popular food on Thanksgiving
4. gifts people receive

Across →

5. a document you receive at graduation
6. a square hat for graduation
7. decisions for the New Year
8. holidays or special occasions

Guess What!

Finland has a wife-carrying festival! It's a race! Husbands carry their wives through a 235-meter obstacle course.