

Before You Read



Think Answer the questions.

- 1 What sports do you like to play with your friends?
- 2 What fun things do you do at your school?
- 3 What do you celebrate with your family?



Learn Facts

A **fact** is true. You can check a fact to see that it's true.

A soccer ball is round.

Some sentences are not facts. They often start with "I think."

I think all soccer balls should be yellow.

Check (✓) the sentences that are facts. Talk about your answers with a partner.

- ☐ I think blue is the nicest color.
- ☐ Our team colors are blue and white.
- ☐ George and I are in the third grade.
- ☐ I think jogging is fun.
- ☐ I think my team is great.
- ☐ The fair is on Saturday.
- ☐ I like festivals.

E Words in Context Scan the photo essay on pages 10–11 and circle these words. As you read, try to guess what they mean.

envelopes championship athletes bands

F Answer the question before you read.

- 1 Look at the pictures in the photo essay on pages 10–11.
- 2 How do you think the people feel?

Having Fun

It's important to have fun if you want a happy and healthy life. Here are some ways people enjoy life all over the world.

Festivals

Think Is the first sentence a fact?

Some people think the Chinese New Year is the most important festival in China. Families clean their homes and then enjoy delicious food. Children often get money in red paper envelopes.

In Korea and Japan, Children's Day is on May 5th. Children and their parents spend the day together and go to zoos and parks. Some families fly kites.



In India, families enjoy Diwali, the festival of lights. Families light candles and decorate their homes with flowers. People give gifts, and there is dancing and music.



Sports

These men are playing an exciting game called soccer. Every four years, people watch their favorite players at the World Cup soccer championships. The team that wins the championship game is the best team in the world!

Another popular game is volleyball. People play volleyball in 211 countries. You can play volleyball inside or on the beach. The first team to reach a score of 25 is the winner.

Many people watch the summer and winter Olympic Games. Almost every country in the world sends its best athletes to race and play at these games. Some athletes swim, and others run or jump to see which athletes are the best.



Think Is the last sentence a fact?

Family Celebrations

When a girl turns 15 years old in Mexico, her family and friends often celebrate with food and dancing. This also happens in many parts of Central and South America.

A **wedding** is always a big celebration! In Egypt, dancers and musicians gather around the married couple and dance for up to one hour! Then people eat a special dinner.

People celebrate **family reunions** all over the world. Aunts, uncles, cousins, and grandparents come together to eat and have fun.



Community Events

Folk dance is popular around the world. In Turkey, folk dancers wear colorful costumes and dance at weddings and festivals. People like to watch folk dances, but they also like to dance themselves!



A **fair** is a great place for people to come together and have fun. Many fairs have farm animals, delicious food, fun games, and bands that play music.



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Topic: Vocabulary and Reading

A. Vocabulary Mission

Write the correct word from the box next to each definition.

festival fair wedding family reunion folk dance
race team player winner score

1. A group of people who play together.
2. A person who takes part in a game or sport.
3. The person or team that finishes first.
4. The number of points in a game.
5. A special celebration with music, food, or activities.
6. A place with games, rides, food, and fun.

B. Fact or Opinion?

Write F for fact or O for opinion. Use the reading on pages 10-11 to help you.

1. Children's Day is on May 5th in Korea and Japan.
2. I think festivals are the best way to have fun.
3. Volleyball is played in 211 countries.
4. The team that wins a championship is the best team in the world.
5. A wedding is always a big celebration.
6. People celebrate family reunions all over the world.

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C. Words in Context

Complete each sentence with one word: envelopes, championship, athletes, bands.

1. Children often get money in red paper _____.
2. The World Cup soccer _____ happens every four years.
3. Olympic _____ come from many countries.
4. At some celebrations, _____ play music.

F. My Fun Event

Imagine you are going to a fun event. Write 4 sentences. Use at least THREE words from the box.

festival fair team player winner score race wedding folk dance family reunion

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