

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

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.

Think Is the first sentence a fact?



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.

Comprehension



Think Which pictures do you like the most? Why do you like them?



A Match each word to a sentence. Write the letters.

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| 1 volleyball _____ | a Teams in this sport play in the World Cup. |
| 2 folk dance _____ | b Children go to parks and zoos with parents. |
| 3 Chinese New Year _____ | c There are summer and winter games. |
| 4 family reunion _____ | d People often wear colorful costumes. |
| 5 soccer _____ | e This often has games and farm animals. |
| 6 fair _____ | f Winners must reach a score of 25. |
| 7 Children's Day _____ | g Children often get money in red paper envelopes. |
| 8 Olympic Games _____ | h Aunts, uncles, cousins, and grandparents come together to eat and have fun. |

B Write one fact from the reading.

Fact: _____

C Words in Context Match a word with a picture.

1 athlete

2 championship

3 band

4 envelope

a



b



c



d



Read

- A** Read the article. What do the people of Harbin do?
- B** Read the article again. What are the facts in the article? Remember, you can check a fact to see that it's true.

Harbin Ice and Snow Festival

Harbin is a town in northeast China. In winter, it is very cold. The average temperature in January is about -18°C . Some people call Harbin the "Ice City."

During the Qing Dynasty, the people in Harbin made ice lanterns. The ice lanterns were very beautiful.

Think Underline two facts in this paragraph.

Years later, the people of Harbin decided to have an ice and snow **festival**. Artists from all over the world go to Harbin to make the sculptures. First, the artists collect piles of ice from the countryside. Then they carve the ice into buildings, gardens, flowers, dragons, and other things.

Think Is the last sentence a fact?

There are a lot of exciting activities during the festival. There are **team** competitions in ice hockey and winter swimming. There are also skiing **races**. If you are interested, you can see people doing **folk dances** and singing folk songs. There are even **weddings** on the ice.

There is something for everyone at the festival. There are trade **fairs** for buying and selling things. People from all over the world can visit the ice sculptures, enjoy the fun activities, and learn about products made in Harbin.



Comprehension

A How do people have fun at the Harbin Ice and Snow Festival?

B Answer the questions.

1 Why is Harbin a good place to have an ice festival?

2 How do artists in Harbin make ice sculptures?

C Words in Context Read and write.

championship bands ~~envelope~~ athletes

1 For the Chinese New Year, children often get money in a red _____ envelope _____.

2 It's exciting to watch the World Cup soccer _____.

3 _____ from all over the world compete in the Olympic Games.

4 Sometimes people have _____ that play music at weddings.



D About You Answer the questions.

1 What is your favorite festival in your country?

2 What are two fun things you can do at the festival?
