

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?

D 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

In this *photo essay*, we look at pictures and read about festivals, celebrations, and fun events around the world. Photo essays have pictures to help us understand. As you read, think about which sentences are facts.

Social Studies:
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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.



