

BEFORE YOU WATCH



winter solstice



fireworks



costume



hot air balloon

A Look at the pictures and captions. Write the correct expression next to the definition.

- 1 a large flying object that has a container below where people can travel _____
- 2 the shortest day and longest night of the year _____
- 3 objects in the sky that produce a loud noise and bright, colorful light _____
- 4 clothes that someone wears to look like someone else _____

B **PAIR WORK** Think of a celebration that happens once a year. What is the celebration for? How do people celebrate? Share what you know with a partner.

C **PREDICT** Look at the picture. What do you see? What do you think the video is about? Make a prediction.

- a different ways to travel
- b a race around the world
- c different kinds of celebrations



WHILE YOU WATCH

A Watch the video. What is it about? Was your prediction from exercise C on page 53 correct? What is the event in the picture on page 53?

B Match the activities (1–8) with the places where they happen (a–f). Some activities happen in more than one place.

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| 1 buying flowers _____ | a Albuquerque |
| 2 fireworks _____ | b Australia |
| 3 artists gather _____ | c Brazil |
| 4 dragons dancing _____ | d Hong Kong |
| 5 races _____ | e South America |
| 6 eating melted cheese _____ | f Switzerland |
| 7 music, dancing, and costumes _____ | |
| 8 eating Mexican food _____ | |

C Correct the mistake in each sentence to make it true.

1 People in Switzerland give money, flowers, and fruit.

2 People come to New Mexico from all over the world to make music.

3 The winter solstice takes place on the day with the most sunlight hours.

4 At the Balloon Fiesta, there's music and dancing.

5 In North American countries, the month of June is in winter.

6 New Year's is celebrated on the last day of January.

D Order the festivals (1–4) from earliest in the year to the latest.

_____ winter solstice (South America)

_____ Chinese New Year

_____ New Year's (global)

_____ Balloon Fiesta

E Listen for these sentences and complete the missing words.

In early October, people from all over the ¹ _____ come to see the ² _____ balloons at the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta. There are over 600 balloons, balloon ³ _____, and rides. At Albuquerque's Old Town, ⁴ _____ visitors can enjoy ⁵ _____ Mexican food.



And then, at the end of every year, many countries celebrate the same ⁶ _____. The last day of December is when you can see fireworks in ⁷ _____, Singapore, the U.K., Brazil, the U.S.A., ⁸ _____, and ⁹ _____. Happy New Year!

F Answer the questions based on the information in the video.

- 1 What gifts do people give in Hong Kong in late February?

- 2 What instruments do people play at the Interlaken music festival?

- 3 Where are Ecuador and Peru? Where is New Mexico?

- 4 How many balloons are in the Balloon Fiesta?

- 5 What two festivals have people dancing in costumes?

- 6 What is the Swiss food called "fondue"?

G Check (✓) the descriptions in each column that are true for the festival. There can be more than one correct answer.

Chinese New Year	Interlaken Music Festival	Winter solstice
<input type="checkbox"/> People buy lots of flowers.	<input type="checkbox"/> popular fall festival	<input type="checkbox"/> happens on the day with the fewest sunlight hours
<input type="checkbox"/> There's a huge fireworks show.	<input type="checkbox"/> Musicians from all over the world play folk music.	<input type="checkbox"/> happens on the day with the most sunlight hours
<input type="checkbox"/> takes place December 31	<input type="checkbox"/> takes place in the mountains of Switzerland	<input type="checkbox"/> The celebration is hundreds of years old.

AFTER YOU WATCH

A What does a fun festival need to have? Make a list.



B **PAIR WORK** Create a celebration using the list you made in exercise A. It can be an imaginary holiday or festival. Answer the questions about it.

1 What does it celebrate?

2 Where and when does it take place?

3 What special food do people eat?

4 What do people do?

C **PAIR WORK** With your partner, make an advertisement for your celebration. Include details from exercise B. Then share your advertisements with the class and take a vote about which celebration is the most interesting.