

# MEETING XIV

## Let's celebrate !

- Which of these holidays celebrate people? Which celebrate events?
- Do you celebrate these or similar holidays in your country?
- What other special days do you have? What's your favorite holiday or festival?



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New Year's  
Day



Balinese New  
Year (Hari  
Raya Nyepi)



National  
Education Day



Jakarta's  
Anniversary  
(Ulang Tahun  
Jakarta)



Independence  
Day

## HOLIDAYS AND FESTIVAL IN INDONESIA

# WORD POWER

**Pair work.** Complete the word map. Add one more word to each category. Then describe a recent celebration using some of the words.

anniversary  
cake  
cards  
dancing  
fireworks  
flowers  
fruit punch  
parade  
party  
presents  
roast turkey  
wedding



A : I went to a friend's birthday party recently. There was live music and dancing.

B : what kind of music did they play?

## GRAMMAR FOCUS; Relative Clause of Time

We use relative clauses to give extra information about something. We can get more information into a sentence without the need to start a new one.

- Thanksgiving is **a day** **when** North Americans celebrate the harvest.
- February 14 is the day **when** people give cards to the ones they love.
- New year's Eve is a night **when** I have fun with my friends.

A. How much do you know about these days and months? Complete the sentences in column A with information from column B. Then compare with a partner.

A

1. New Year's Day is a day when ....
2. April Fools' Day is a day when ....  
and friends.
3. May and June are the months when ....  
to get
4. Valentine's Day is a day when ....  
workers.
5. Labor Day is a day when ....
6. February is the month when ....  
friends.

B

- a. Brazilians celebrate Carnival
- b. people have parties with family
- c. many young adults choose married.
- d. people in many countries honor
- e. people express their love to someone.
- f. people sometimes play tricks on

B. Complete these sentences with your own information. Then compare with a partner.

winter is the season .....

1. birthdays are days .....
2. Spring is the time of year .....
3. mother's Day is a day .....
4. July and August are the months .....
5. A wedding anniversary is a time .....

C. **Pair work.** Choose your three favorite holidays. Tell your partner why you like each one.

D. **Class activity.** Take a class vote. What are the most popular holidays in your class?

# CONVERSATION; Wedding day

Listen and practice !

Jill : Your wedding pictures are really beautiful, Emiko.

Emiko : Thank you. Those pictures were taken right after the ceremony.

Jill : Where was the ceremony?

Emiko : At a shrine. When people get married in Japan, they sometimes have the ceremony at a shrine.

Jill : That's interesting. Were there a lot of people there?

Emiko : Well, usually only family members and close friends go to the ceremony. But afterward we had a reception with family and friends.

Jill : so, what are receptions like in Japan?

Emiko : There's a big dinner, and after the food is served, the guests give speeches or sing songs.

Jill : It sounds like fun.

Emiko : It really is. And then, before the guests leave, the bride and groom give them presents.

Jill : The guests get presents?

Emiko : Yes, and the guests give money to the bride and groom.



## GRAMMAR FOCUS; Adverbial clauses of time

**When** people get - they sometimes have  
married in Japan, the ceremony at a shrine.

**After** the food is the guests give speeches  
served, or sing songs.

**Before** the guests the bride and groom give  
leave, them presents.

## Task

A. What do you know about wedding customs in North America? Match these phrases with the information below.

1. Before a man and woman get married, they usually .....
  2. When a couple gets engaged, the man often .....
  3. Right after a couple gets engaged, they usually .....
  4. When a woman gets married, her family usually .....
  5. When people are invited to a wedding, they almost always .....
  6. Right after a couple gets married, they usually .....
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- a. Pays for the wedding and reception
  - b. Go on a short trip called a “honeymoon.”
  - c. Give the bride and groom a gift or some money.
  - d. Gives the woman a diamond ring.
  - e. Begin to plan the wedding
  - f. “date” each other for about a year

B. **Pair work.** What happens when people are married in your country? Complete the statement in part A with your own information.

THANK YOU

SEE YOU AGIAIN IN  
THE NEXT MEETING

