You are going to create a powerpoint presentation about your favourite festival or celebration and you are going to give an oral presentation about it.

PART I: Vocabulary

1. Read the Macmillan Dictionary definitions below and complete them with the appropriate word: festival, celebration.

   a) A ......................... is a day or period when there is a public holiday, often to celebrate a religious event.

   b) A ......................... is a party or special event at which you celebrate something such as a birthday or a religious holiday.

2. Now try this online memory game about Festivals. Pay attention to the pronunciation of the words. How many attempts did you need to match all the pairs? Write down the number of attempts.

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3. Work with your partner and write down names of festivals and celebrations you know.

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4. Which is your favourite Catalan festival or celebration? Why? This article about Catalan Cultural Curiosities can give you a few ideas.

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5. **Match the following words with the festivals:** shamrock, Christ, cards, pumpkin, turkey, pancake, bonfires, evening, zodiac, box, jokes.

1. Bonfire Night .................................
2. St. Patrick’s Day ............................
3. Thanksgiving .................................
4. Shrove Tuesday ..............................
5. Halloween ....................................
6. April Fool’s Day ..............................
7. Christmas Day ...............................
8. St. Valentine’s Day ..........................
9. New Year’s Eve ..............................
10. Boxing Day ..................................
11. Chinese New Year ..........................

6. **Now click on the name of each festival and browse the webs. First check exercise 5 and then match the celebrations with their definitions:**

- **Bonfire Night**, **St. Patrick’s Day**, **Thanksgiving**, **Shrove Tuesday**, **Halloween**, **April Fool’s Day**, **Christmas Day**, **St. Valentine’s Day**, **New Year’s Eve**, **Boxing Day**, **Chinese New Year**

1. Christians celebrate the birth of Christ on that day. 25 December. ........................

2. People play tricks or jokes on each other. A typical trick is to make somebody believe something that is not true. The victim of the joke is called April Fool. 1 April. ........................

3. Christian festival of the national Saint of Ireland. Many people wear a shamrock. 17 March. ........................

4. Some people send cards to the person they love. 14 February. ...........................
5. Children dress as ghosts and witches and play Trick or Treat. In the past people thought that dead people appeared from their graves. Pumpkins are used to make lanterns. 31 October. ....................

6. The evening of the last day of the year. 31 December. ....................

7. People usually eat turkey on that day. People used to celebrate this to thank God for the harvest and health. It’s always on the fourth Thursday in November. ....................

8. The day before the beginning of Lent. British people also call it Pancake Day. ....................

9. In Britain people light bonfires and watch fireworks to celebrate the failure of the plan in 1605 to destroy the parliament buildings with explosives. 5 November. ....................

10. The first day after Christmas Day that is not a Sunday. It is an official holiday in Britain and some other countries. Boys used to collect money in boxes. 26 December. ....................

11. This festival begins on a different date each year between January 21 and February 20. Each year is represented by a different horoscope animal. ....................

7. How do you celebrate? Complete the expressions with the following words: wear, watch (x2), eat, tell, send, decorate, build

   a) ...................... jokes
   b) ...................... special food
   c) ...................... fireworks
   d) ...................... the house
   e) ...................... costumes
   f) ...................... cards
   g) ...................... bonfires
   h) ...................... parades
8. Which celebration sounds more interesting to you? Write down a few ideas about it and discuss.

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PART II: Shrove Tuesday

- Powerpoint Presentation: General Points

9. What makes a good powerpoint presentation? Tick:

- Write long sentences
- Use key words
- Use a lot of different animations and transitions
- Use images
- Write in large font
- Write in the same font all the time
- Add external links
- Write on the slide the whole text you are saying
- Make it very long
- Change fonts and sizes constantly
- Use different colours
- Contrast colours (background/font)
- Do research and collect information about the topic before starting the presentation
- Brainstorm ideas before starting the presentation
- Start the powerpoint presentation before organizing your ideas
- Use graphs when possible
- Use bullets to express different ideas
- Change the template in each slide
- Choose a common template
- Prepare good notes for the oral presentation
- Read the text in the slides during the oral presentation
- Check all technological setups before starting the presentation
- Look at your audience when you speak
10. Look at these Guidelines for Students on How to make a good Powerpoint Presentation and discuss exercise 9 with your partner. Do you agree?

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11. Watch the presentation again and complete the grid with the 10 Tips to follow. What does each tip mean? Explain it in your own words

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12. What do you know about Shrove Tuesday? What’s the other name for this celebration? Where do people celebrate it? What do people usually do on that day?

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13. Now watch this Powerpoint Presentation about Shrove Tuesday and answer the questions below:
a) Does this presentation follow the 10 Tips recommended in the Guidelines.

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b) Did you tick any No in exercise a? If so, explain why.

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c) What is a webliography? Is there any in The Shrove Tuesday Presentation? What does it include?

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d) Did you like the presentation? Explain why or why not

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e) LANGUAGE PRACTICE. Do you need to review your verb tenses? Click here and find useful grammar explanations and exercises.
PART III: Your Festival or Celebration

Now you have to create your own powerpoint presentation about your favourite celebration or festivity. Afterwards, it will be presented in class. Your teacher will tell you how you are going to be assessed. You will also assess yourself and your classmates.

- Planning your Powerpoint

14. Before creating the powerpoint you have to complete three grids:

A. General Planning grid
B. Collecting Information grid
C. Planning the Presentation grid

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• [http://www.esolcourses.com/topics/world-festivals.html](http://www.esolcourses.com/topics/world-festivals.html) |
| Sources Webliography | You have to select reliable sources where the information can be found (websites, people you know, leaflets,...). Select the websites. | • |
| Software Choose your software | You have to make sure you know how to prepare a good presentation. You can use:  
• Openoffice Impress  
• Microsoft powerpoint  
• Prezi  
Click [here](http://www.esolcourses.com/topics/world-festivals.html) to see more tools you can use for your presentation. You can find many tutorials and guides on how to use these tools on the internet. Select your software. | • |
## B. COLLECTING INFORMATION

Browse through the webs selected in your general planning and write down the information. Include images or links to videos.

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Remember to include all your web sources in your webliography.
C. PLANNING THE PRESENTATION

Now that you have collected the information, plan your presentation. Distribute the information you selected. What are you going to say first?

Use as many slides as you need.

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15. Now you can start creating your powerpoint presentation. Remember: be creative and original!

- Preparing the Oral Presentation

Before presenting your work in front of the class make sure you:

- Make notes to help you speak about each of the slides
- Sound English when you speak. You can listen to yourself using Audacity. Click here and find information on how to download and use Audacity (Section 5).
- Control your speed and volume. You can do this online speaking activity first.

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