CELEBRATIONS

Special occasions

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Worksheet

What day is it?

Every year has its special occasions. Read the texts below and try to identify the special occasions. If you need help, there is a list of days at the bottom of the page. When you have finished, check your answers with a partner. Then, with your partner, match as many of the days as you can with dates in the calendar.

St Patrick's Day	Earth Day	Independence Day	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Rosh Hashanah	Ramadan	New Year's Eve	Chinese New Year
Halloween	Veteran's Day	Thanksgiving	Valentine's Day

1. This is the night when people meet in places like London's Trafalgar Square and New York's Times Square to welcome the New Year. It is called Hogmanay in Scotland.

Day: New Year's Eve

Date: December 31st

2. This is one of the scariest nights of the year. Children in the United States go trick-or-treating, collecting sweets.

Day: _____

Date: _____

3. The national day of Ireland is celebrated in many countries. In Ireland there are religious services, parades and lots of parties.

Day: _____

Date: _____

4. This is the anniversary of the day when the American colonies signed the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

Day: _____

Date: _____

5. This is the start of the ninth month of the Muslim calendar. During the one-month period, Muslims do not eat, drink or smoke from dawn until sunset.

Day: _____

Date: _____

6. This day started in the US, but is now celebrated in countries across the world. It is a day when people think about the environment.

Day: _____

Date: _____

7. This is the day to remember the people who lost their lives in wars. The First World War officially ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

Day: _____

Date: _____

8. It's China's most important holiday. Each year is dedicated to one of 12 animals.

Day: _____

Date: _____

9. This US holiday is on the third Monday in January. It marks the birth on January 15, 1929, of a famous African-American civil rights leader.

Day: _____

Date: _____

10. Celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November in the United States and the second Monday in October in Canada, it is associated with family reunions and family traditions.

Day: _____

Date: _____

11. It is the custom in many countries for people to send anonymous cards or gifts to the people they love on this day.

Day: _____

Date: _____

12. Commonly known as the Jewish New Year, this is one of the holiest days of the year for the Jewish people.

Day: _____

Date: _____

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Birthdays

Talk to two classmates and find out when their birthdays are. Ask them questions about their birthdays and write down three facts about each.

Name	
Birthday	
Fact 1	
Fact 2	
Fact 3	

Name	
Birthday	
Fact 1	
Fact 2	
Fact 3	

Describe a special occasion

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