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Celebrations

1 A Read this letter.



Dear Sam,

This is just a quick note to say that Bob and I will be throwing our traditional Halloween party as usual this year. We'd be delighted if you could come. I guess the fun will start at about nine o'clock, so try not to be late. Of course, costumes are a must! I've been working on mine all week. I'm going to be dressed as a ... but no! I won't tell you! That's something you're going to have to come and see for yourself at the party. I don't know what Bob has in mind, but he's been putting an awful lot of thought into his costume all week, as well.

If you'd like to bring somebody to the party with you, that would be fine. See you on the thirty-first, I hope.

Love, Kristin



B Sam called Melissa and asked her if she would like to go to Bob and Kristin's Halloween party with him. Write Sam's side of the conversation.

Melissa: Hello. This is Melissa.

Sam: _____

Melissa: Oh, hi Sam. How are you?

Sam: _____

Melissa: Well, that's good to hear. What's new?

Sam: _____

Melissa: You mean Bob Field's wife? What did she have to say?

Sam: _____

Melissa: A Halloween party? Oh....That's right. I heard the Fields always have a party on Halloween.

Sam: _____

Melissa: Well, that's really nice of you, Sam. And I'd love to, but I don't leave work until seven-thirty.

Sam: _____

Melissa: Oh, well that's all right then.

Sam: _____

Melissa: Well, of course we do! I think I'll go as a martian. What costume are you going to wear?

Sam: _____

Melissa: Well, you still have a week to think about it.

Sam: _____

Melissa: Eight-thirty. Okay. I'll be waiting.

Sam: _____

Melissa: See you Sam. And thanks for the invitation.

2

Complete the text with words from the box.

weird	mean	parents	porch	movie	costumes
garbage	common	householder	theory	yard	practice



Did you ever see that _____,
“Halloween”? You know...the really _____ one
that starts with a guy going up the steps of some
girl's _____. Well, on the porch in that
movie, there's a jack-o'-lantern. In the United
States it's really _____ to put one on the porch
on Halloween—just to make the house look kind
of spooky. And the other thing that's an absolute

must is for all the kids to dress up in funny

_____, so that they can go trick or

treating. You know, all the kids go from house to

house asking for candy. The tradition is, if they go

to a house and the _____ doesn't give them

any candy, the kids get to play some kind of

_____ trick on him or her, like hanging

toilet paper from all the trees in the _____, or

stacking _____ cans in front of the door.

That's in _____, anyway. But in _____ it

doesn't really happen very often these days. For

one thing, everybody is careful to buy a plentiful

supply of candy ahead of time, and for another

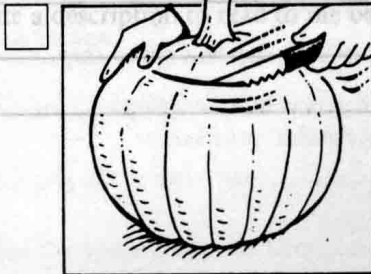
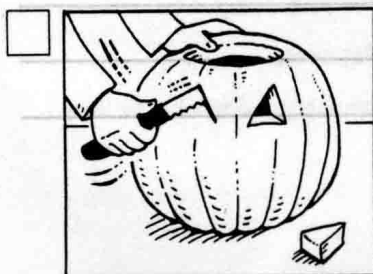
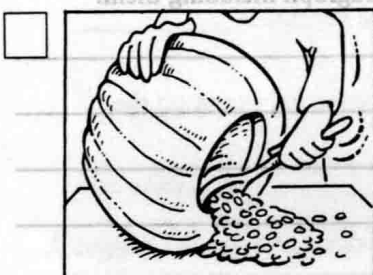
thing, kids out trick-or-treating are usually

accompanied by their _____.



3

Listen to the instructions on how to make a jack-o'-lantern. Then order the pictures, and write clear instructions under each one.



4 A Complete the sentences with words from the box.

traditional	wedding	elderly	ceremony	celebrate
gift	commemorate	festival	invitation	tasteless

1. My parents are throwing a party to _____ their silver wedding anniversary.
2. A postage stamp was issued to _____ the birth of Elvis Presley.
3. She gave her brother two books as a birthday _____.
4. The Oscar _____ is always a great night for the movie world.
5. Would you like to come to the folk _____ with me? I have two tickets.
6. There are ramps in many theaters for the comfort of the disabled and _____ in wheelchairs.
7. If they send me an _____ I will go to the party.
8. His pink, red, and orange jacket was extremely _____.
9. The _____ will take place next Spring. They've invited 800 people to the reception!
10. At the ceremonial dance the participants wore _____ costumes.

B Choose five words from 4A and write a paragraph including them.





5 Use these phrases to make statements that are true for you.

for most of the year
since I was born
during the vacation
in the house/apartment where I live
in the evening

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

6 Complete the following requests.

1. _____ driving me to college today? There's something wrong with the brakes on my car.
2. _____ meet me outside the movie theater at seven fifteen?
3. _____ if my cousin Todd came to the ball game with us?
4. _____ come over to my house on Saturday? I'm having a party for my birthday.
5. _____ lend me ten dollars?

7 Project

In groups of three or four research the customs used in the celebration of a traditional feast day or festival in the foreign country of your choice. Write a description to read to the other members of your class.

2

Believe It or Not

1 Complete these sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

1. What's the most dramatic story you have heard this year? (drama)
2. I can think of an _____ for those strange noises. (explain)
3. A: "Have you seen a movie about ghosts?"
B: "Not _____." (recent)
4. "You're kidding" is a phrase that expresses _____. (belief)
5. His story is completely _____. I'm sure it's true. (believe)
6. "What is the _____ thing that has ever happened to you?" (weird)
7. The fact that they look alike and have the same birthday is just a _____. (coincide)
8. What happened when you were with the psychic is _____. (mystery)
9. She is very _____ and will never leave her house on the thirteenth of the month. (superstition)
10. She knows these things because she is _____. (telepathy)

2 Match the statements in Column A with the short answers in Column B.

Column A

Column B

- | | |
|--|------------------------------|
| 1. Do you believe in ghosts? | No, I didn't. Did you? |
| 2. Are you going to make a cake? | No, but I used to. |
| 3. Did you see a ghost in the castle? | You're kidding. |
| 4. I went for a trip in a space ship. | No, never. |
| 5. Have you ever dreamed you were outside your body? | I'm sorry, I don't know how. |


- ③ Read this newspaper article and complete the sentences which follow with "how," "why," "when," or "where."



Last seen Tuesday afternoon.

Yesterday a man was reported missing in Coral City. Mr. Thomas Harris was last seen at his home Tuesday afternoon. His wife told police he had been watching TV when she left to go to the supermarket. When she returned the house was empty and her husband's green Ford Thunderbird was missing. Later that night the car was found abandoned on an isolated stretch of road in a thickly wooded area, eight kilometers north of Coral City. There were mysterious burn marks on the road by the side of the car, according to City Police Chief Manuel Hernández. "We have no idea what caused the burn marks. We are investigating," said Hernandez. Police discovered Mr. Harris's red sweater hanging from the top of a 20-meter pine tree near the scene. Mrs. Harris, interviewed on local TV Wednesday night, complained that not enough was being done to find her husband.

1. It was five o'clock _____ Mrs. Harris last saw her husband.
2. The stretch of road _____ the car was found runs through the woods.
3. The evening TV news showed pictures of the tall pine tree _____ Mr. Harris's sweater was found.
4. Mrs. Harris can't explain _____ her husband was in the car, or _____ he was going.
5. Mrs. Harris objects to _____ the local police are handling the investigation.
6. Nobody can understand _____ there are burn marks on the road.
7. Police could not explain _____ the sweater got to the top of the pine tree.
8. The police say they will give a press conference _____ the preliminary investigation has been completed.

- ④ A  Listen to the conversation on the tape, and make notes on the following:

Why Thomas Harris left the house: _____

What he saw: _____

Why he followed the space craft: _____

What the aliens were like: _____

What the space craft was like: _____

How he returned to his house: _____

How he felt: _____

How the aliens communicated with him: _____

What his wife's reaction was: _____

B Use your notes to write a brief account of what, according to Mr. Harris, happened after his wife left for the supermarket.

5 Alicia Ortega's hobby is skydiving. She's been doing it for years. Some time ago she had an incredible experience. Sequence these sentences so that they tell her story.



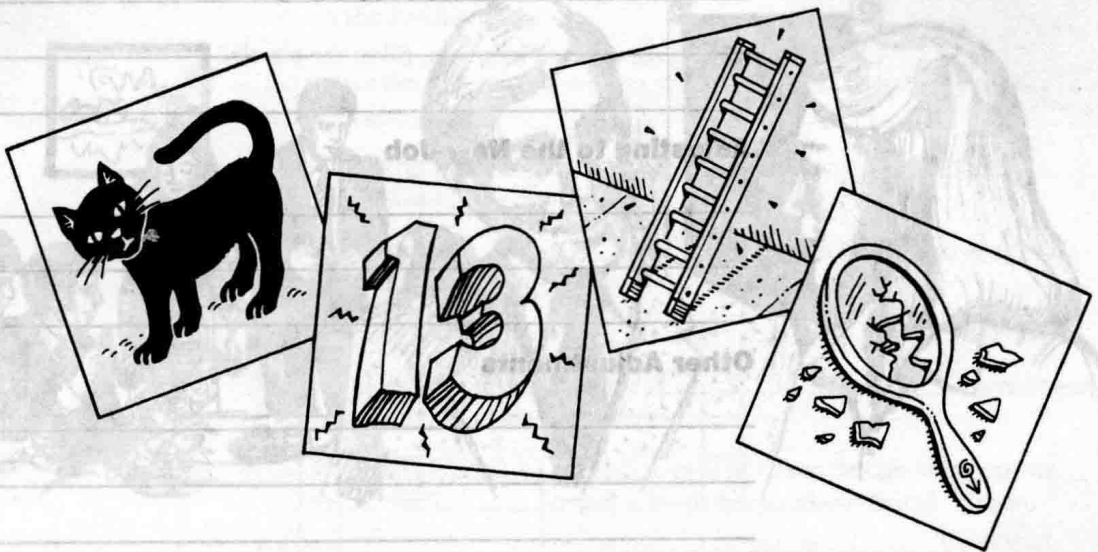
- ☐ The plane climbed to 10,000 feet, and the sky divers prepared to jump.
- ☐ On February 23, 1991, she went up in a plane with six skydiving friends.

- ☒ 1 Alicia Ortega's hobby is skydiving.
- ☐ She began the sport in 1987 and is an experienced skydiver.
- ☐ She pulled it again with no result.
- ☐ Alicia Ortega spent only four days in hospital being treated for a few broken bones and she made a full recovery.
- ☐ Alicia was the fifth out of the plane and everything was fine until she was ready to open the parachute.
- ☐ She pulled the cord but the parachute did not open.
- ☐ They were amazed and relieved to find her very much alive after her free fall.
- ☐ Her companions, on reaching the ground, realized what had happened and with heavy hearts began the search for her.
- ☐ She plummeted to the ground at tremendous speed, losing consciousness at about 200 feet.

6

Discussion. Are you superstitious?

What superstitions are related to things in the drawings? Are people in your country superstitious about them? Are you?



What other superstitions can you think of?

Do you do certain things to bring you good luck or to avoid bad luck?

What?

Have you ever made a decision after consulting a deck of cards?

Have you ever been to a fortune-teller?

Have you ever changed your plans because of a dream?

3

Origins

- 1 A Read the letter and make notes about Mark under the following headings:

The Job Offer

Accommodation

Adjusting to the New Job

Other Adjustments

Dear Jill,

Long time no see! I sure hope you haven't forgotten me! The reason I haven't called in ages is because I suddenly landed this great job teaching in Mexico. Okay. Okay. I know I should have called you before I left home, but everything was such a rush! You see one of the teachers in the institute where I'm now working, broke his contract and went back to the United States—couldn't get used to life in a foreign country, I guess! And that's when they remembered me. I wrote to them last summer, but they didn't even answer then. Anyway, I had just over two weeks to arrange everything, pack my bags, say "good-bye" to the family, and get here!

Since I arrived life's been just wild! Everything's so different. First of all, I had to find an apartment to live in. The institute made arrangements for a place before I came (the place where the last teacher contracted from the United States lived), but I didn't like that apartment at all. The landlady wasn't even Mexican! I think she was Danish. Well, I didn't come to Mexico to live in

an apartment above a Dane! Also she has a cat, and I don't like cats. I'm allergic to them! So I looked around, and now I've found a wonderful apartment downtown—Mexican colonial style, not too expensive, not too big, and nice Mexican neighbors!

Then I had to get used to teaching the classes at the institute. As you know, I was working with multinational classes in the United States. Here all my students are Mexican, of course, which means they all have the same language problems. That makes life a lot easier.

Finally, I had to get used to Mexican food. And you know something? I love it! It's a mixture of the original Indian food with things that came with the Spaniards. Of course nowadays there's a lot of fast food from the United States, too.

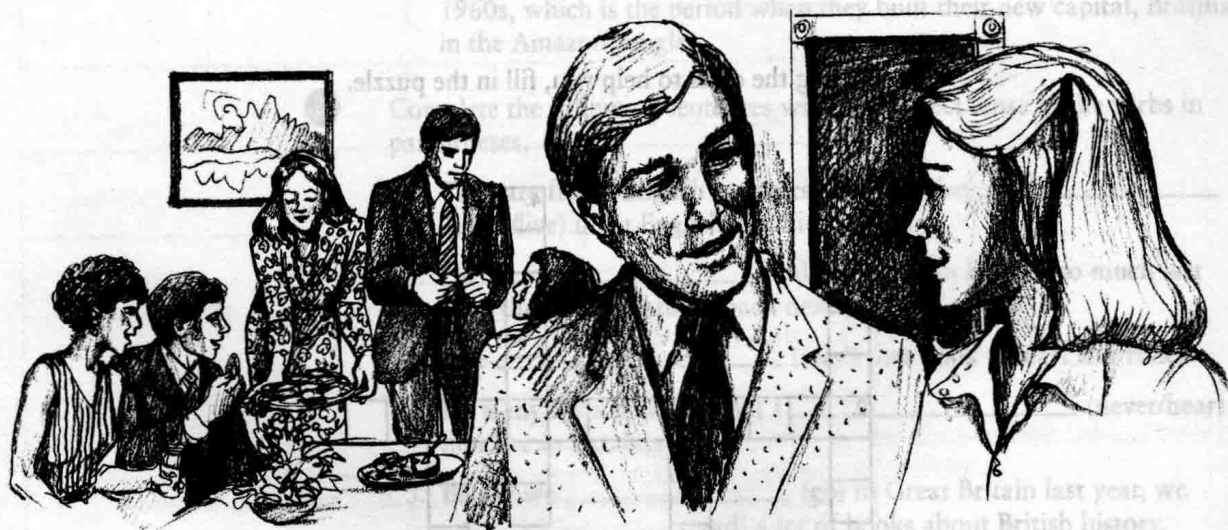
Whoops! I just looked at my watch, and I have fifteen minutes till my next class starts. Good thing the institute is just down the road. None of the students will arrive until at least ten minutes late, but the teacher had better arrive on time, I guess!

I'll write again soon. Meanwhile, you write to me—or better still, come for a long visit. You'll love it!

Mark

B Using the notes you made on the letter, write about the recent changes in Mark's life.

2 A Listen to the conversation on the cassette and answer these questions.



1. Who does Julia meet at the party?

2. What does Julia think of the music?

3. Where does Malcolm come from?

4. How long ago did Julia visit Britain?

5. Is Brighton very far from London?

6. What does Julia remember about her trip to Brighton?

7. When did Malcolm arrive in New York?

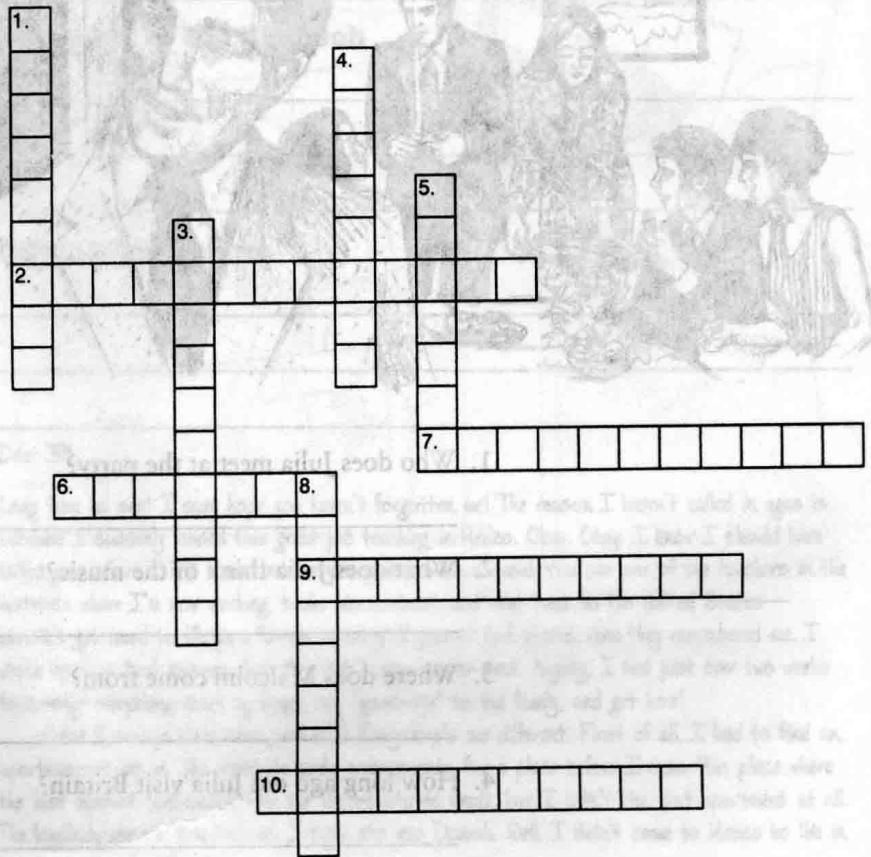
8. Who is fascinated by British culture—Malcolm or Julia?

9. Did Julia meet a lot of British people on her trip there?

10. Why does Malcolm think London is similar to New York?

B Write a short paragraph comparing what you know of either New York or London with a large city in your country.

3 Using the clues to help you, fill in the puzzle.



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1. People of different race, color, and creed can't live together in the same country without showing a lot of _____ toward each other.
2. The people of the United States belong to many different _____.
3. China is the country with the largest _____ in the world.
4. Many Welsh people prefer to speak their own language because they want to keep their sense of national _____.
5. Modern Mexican people have not forgotten their Indian _____.
6. Japan is a country rich in _____ and tradition.
7. The immigrants founded _____ along the coastal territories.
8. Her family _____ from Britain to America in the 1850s.
9. Nowadays the government of the United States has very strict _____ laws, and it is quite difficult to get permission to live there permanently.
10. Brazil went through a period of tremendous _____ in the 1960s, which is the period when they built their new capital, Brasilia, in the Amazon Jungle.

4

Complete the following sentences with the correct tense of the verbs in parentheses.

1. They are fluent English speakers although they _____ (never/live) in an English-speaking country.
2. He _____ (like) his trip to Hawaii so much last year, that he plans to go back next year.
3. She _____ (read) that book at least five times.
4. He is my favorite singer, but I _____ (never/hear) him live in a concert.
5. Before we _____ (go) to Great Britain last year, we _____ (read) a lot of books about British history.
6. I _____ (know) the family ever since I _____ (be) a child.
7. They _____ (settle) in Australia, and plan to stay there for at least five years.
8. The clock _____ (stop), so I _____ (not/wake) up in time to go to college!
9. They _____ (move) to the United States ten years ago, and they _____ (never/regret) the decision.
10. We _____ (go) to the beach three times this year.
11. She couldn't sleep all night. The _____ was so hard!