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Ghost Festivals

When someone dies, we are very sad. We miss that person and think about him/her. In some countries there are special festivals for all the dead people. Some of these festivals are to remember our ancestors. Our ancestors lived a long time ago and are now dead. Every family has ancestors. For example, your grandfather's grandfather is your ancestor.

A festival for ancestors is a lot of fun. At the festival different people in different countries do different things for their ancestors. Some people give their ancestors food and drink. Some people have parties. What do you do in your country at a festival for ancestors?

Every spring there is an important festival for Chinese people all over the world called Qingming. At Qingming families visit the graves of their ancestors. They sweep the graves and make them look nice. They also leave joss-sticks, candles, flowers, food and Chinese wine for their ancestors.

Most Chinese people like to visit the graves of their ancestors at Qingming. But some people live too far away from their ancestors' graves to visit them. These people often have a special party at home. They cook nice food for their ancestors and later they eat the food themselves.

Many people think you should look after your ancestors. But some ghosts do not have families in our world. There is a special festival in the summer for these ghosts. It is called The Festival of Hungry Ghosts.

People make special food for the 'hungry ghosts'. They put it outside so the 'hungry ghosts' can take it.

People think that the 'hungry ghosts' also need money, clothes and houses. People make these things out of paper and then burn them beside roads.

Some people drowned in rivers or the sea so their ghosts do not have graves. People float paper presents down rivers or in the sea for them.

Puzzles

1. Fill in the missing words. The first one is done for you.

aunt grandfather grandmother ancestors uncle
cousin

- The brother of my father is my uncle.
- The daughter of my father's brother is my _____.
- The father of my mother is my _____.
- The grandparents of my grandparents are my _____.

- e) The mother of my father is my _____.
- f) The sister of my mother is my _____.
2. join the two parts of the sentences below.
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| a) Qingming is | • | • in the summer. |
| b) The Festival of Hungry Ghosts is | • | • ghosts drowned in rivers or the sea. |
| c) Hungry ghosts do not have | • | • families in our world. |
| d) At Qingming | • | • in the spring. |
| e) People float paper presents down rivers or in the sea for | • | • most Chinese visit their ancestors' graves |

The Day of the Dead is a very special festival in Mexico. It is really three days, from 31 October until 2 November. On The Day of the Dead, Mexicans think that the ghosts of dead people come back to the world. There are parties to welcome the ghosts in all the towns and cities of Mexico.

The Day of the Dead is not a sad day. People eat and drink and have fun. They make sugar skulls and chocolate coffins. There are model skeletons everywhere.

The model skeletons are often doing something funny. Sometimes they are answering the telephone or playing the guitar.

On the night of 31 October Mexican families get ready for The Day of the Dead. They cook food for the children's ghosts first. This is because many Mexicans think that the ghosts of children come back before the ghosts of adults.

They put many sweet things on the table for the children's ghosts. There are often chocolate and cakes to eat, and things like Coke and orange juice to drink.

Then the family cook food for the adults' ghosts. Each ghost is given his or her favourite food and drink. Sometimes people put special presents on the table for the ghosts to make them happy. Some families also give clothes to the ghosts.

The Cordoso family always remembers their grandfather on The Day of the Dead. Grandfather Cordoso's favourite food was chicken and his favourite drink was beer. They cook a big chicken for Grandfather Cordoso, and they give him a large glass of beer. They do this to tell him how much they love him.

Everybody knows that ghosts cannot eat and drink like us. The food will still be there the day after The Day of the Dead, and the Cordoso family will eat it themselves. But they think that Grandfather Cordoso will eat the food, too.

Puzzles

1. Look at the pictures. Write the right words.
2. Fill in the blanks with the right words.

guitar telephone eat Mexico chocolate
presents October sad sugar tables

The Day of the Dead is a festival in a)_____ It is not a b)_____ day. There are c)_____ skulls, d)_____ coffins and model skeletons everywhere. Some model skeletons are answering the e)_____ or playing the f)_____. On the night of 31 g)_____ people put many sweet things, food and drink on the h)_____ for the ghosts. Some people put special i)_____ on the tables, too. The day after The Day of the Dead people will j)_____ the food themselves.

Hallowe'en is another important festival for ghosts. It is on the night of 31 October. Today people wear special clothes at Hallowe'en. They tell ghost stories and play games. It is a lot of fun.

In the past Hallowe'en was often very frightening. People called it The Night of the Flying Witches. People thought that the witches were women and that they flew on broomsticks on the night of Hallowe'en. People also thought that they could do terrible magic so they lit fires to frighten them. In England there is a very old tower. It is on the top of a hill. Many people call it Witches Hill.

In the past many people thought the tower was a very bad place. They said that all the witches in England went there at Hallowe'en.

On the night of 31 October hundreds of people went to Witches Hill. Each person walked around the tower with a lighted candle because they thought that the witches were afraid of the lighted candles.

Later people went to fortune-tellers at Hallowe'en. A fortune-teller tells you things about the future. You can ask a fortune-teller any questions, e.g., Who will I marry? Will I be rich?

In the past many women asked, 'Who will I marry?' Then the fortune-tellers gave the women a plant and said, 'Put the leaves of this plant under your pillow at Hallowe'en. That night you will see a man in your dream and you will marry him!'

There was also a special Hallowe'en cake. A silver coin was put inside the cake. When the cake was cut into pieces, someone would find the coin inside one of the pieces. People thought that this person would become rich.

Hallowe'en is still a special time today. In the USA and Canada children play a game called trick or treat. To play trick or treat

children must wear strange clothes to look like ghosts, witches or animals. They also wear strange masks.

The children knock on doors. They say trick or treat to the person in the house. The person in the house must then give the children a 'treat'. A treat means something nice like chocolate. When the person inside does not give the children a 'treat', the children then play tricks on him/her.

Children playing trick or treat often carry jack-o'-lanterns. A jack-o'-lantern is a pumpkin with holes cut in it to look like a face. The middle of the pumpkin is cut out with a knife and a candle is put inside. A handle is then made from a piece of string. Jack-o'-lanterns are easy to make.

Puzzles

1. It is Hallowe'en and you want to play trick or treat. Here are the things you need. What are they called? Write the right words.

a mask a pumpkin a knife a piece of string

2. What do you need the things for? Do you know? Use the words above to fill in the blanks below.

- a) You need the _____ to wear on your face.
- b) You need the _____ to make a jack-o'-lantern.
- c) You need the _____ to cut the pumpkin.
- d) You need the _____ to carry the jack-o'-lantern.

Questions

Page 1 True or false?

- a) Our ancestors lived a long time ago before us.
- b) A festival for ancestors is very frightening.

Page 2 a) When is Qingming?

- b) What do Chinese families do at Qingming?
- c) What do people leave for their ancestors?

Page 3 a) The Festival of Hungry Ghosts is in the spring / summer / winter.

- b) People make presents out of glass / paper / wood.

Page 5 a) What is the special festival in Mexico called?

- b) When is the special festival?
- c) What do people make?

Page 6 True or false?

- a) There is a special table for the children's ghosts.
- b) Mexicans think that the ghosts of children come back before the ghosts of the adults.
- c) People never give clothes to the ghosts.

Page 7 a) What was Grandfather Cordoso's favourite food?

- b) What was Grandfather Cordoso's favourite drink?
 c) Who will eat the food on the day after The Day of the Dead?

Page 9 True or false?

- a) Today Hallowe'en is a lot of fun.
 b) Hallowe'en was called The Night of the Flying Witches.

Page 10 a) Where did all the witches of England go on Hallowe'en?

b) What did people carry to the tower?

Page 11 a) A fortune-teller talks about the past/ future.

b) There was a special Hallowe'en drink/ cake.

Page 12 a) What game do children play at Hallowe'en?

b) What do children carry when they play the game?

c) What is a treat?

Page 4 练习

· 答案

1. 填入所缺的单词。第一题已替你做好。

- b) cousin e) grandmother
 c) grandfather f) aunt
 d) ancestors

2. 把下列句子的前后两部分用线连起来。

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|--|---|---|--|
| a) Qingming is | • | • | in the summer. |
| b) The Festival of Hungry Ghosts is | • | • | ghosts drowned in rivers or the sea. |
| c) Hungry ghosts do not have | • | • | families in our world. |
| d) At Qingming | • | • | in the spring. |
| e) People float paper presents down rivers or in the sea for | • | • | most Chinese visit their ancestors' graves |

Page 8 练习

· 答案

1. 看图画，写出正确的单词。

2. 在空格内填入正确的单词。

- a) Mexico f) guitar
 b) sad g) October
 c) sugar h) tables
 d) chocolate i) presents
 e) telephone j) eat

Page 13 练习

How are you? I started my new school called a) _____ School. Yesterday I played b) _____ for the school c) _____ I d) _____ against Ron Skipper. He is the e) _____ player at 13elton School. When he served, I always f) _____ the ball. When I served, the ball ,always hit the g) _____.He won the h) _____ I do not want to play tennis again. Terry

Terry was sad and angry. After the match, he ran away. He did not shake hands with Ron Skipper.

'Come back, Terry,' shouted Mr Walker. 'I want to talk to you.'

But Terry did not come back. He ran home. His mother was waiting for him. She did not ask Terry about the match. She said, 'Terry, you must do your homework now. You must work harder at school this year. You must work as hard as your sister!' Lousia was very clever. She wanted to be a vet.

Terry locked himself in his bedroom. He tried to do his homework but it was too difficult. He said to himself, 'I'm not like Lousia. I'm not clever!'

When Sid came home, he said to Terry, 'Why did you run away? Mr Walker was very cross. He wants to see you tomorrow.'

The next day Terry went to see Mr Walker. He was very afraid.

'I talked to your father yesterday, Terry,' said Mr Walker. 'Your father and I want you to practise tennis more. You must have a tennis lesson with me every day after school.'

'But when will I do my homework, Mr Walker?' asked Terry.

'All the jacksons are clever. You can do it after the tennis lesson,' said Mr Walker.

So Terry practised tennis every day after school. And he played with his father and Sid every weekend.

Now Terry was very busy. He had to practise tennis every day after school and do his homework in the evening. He did not have time to play!

'You must do your homework,' his mother told him.

'You must practise tennis more if you want to be a good tennis player like me,' said his father.

Terry began to hate tennis. He did not want to play tennis any more.

One afternoon Terry ran away before his tennis lesson. Sid ran after him. 'Come back! You must come to your tennis lesson,' shouted Sid.

But Terry did not want to go to his lesson. He ran home.

Puzzles

1. Who said these? Write the right names.

Mrs Jackson Terry Sid Mr Walker Mr Jackson

a) 'All the jacksons are clever.' _____

b) 'Why did you run away?' _____

c) 'You must do your homework.' _____

d) 'You must practise tennis more.' _____

e) 'But when will I do my homework?' _____

2. One afternoon Terry ran away from his tennis lesson and Sid ran after him. What will happen next? Tick the picture(s).

Terry's mother was at home when Terry came home. 'You're early today,' she said. 'That's good! Now you can do lots of homework.'

Mrs Jackson gave Terry some extra homework. It was very difficult.

About an hour later Mrs Jackson came into Terry's bedroom. She asked, 'Have you finished all the homework yet?'

'I can't do it,' said Terry.

'You can't do it?' said Mrs Jackson. 'Why not?'

'Because it's too difficult and I'm not like you and Lousia. I'm not clever,' said Terry. 'And ... I'm not good at tennis like S and Dad. I'm not good at anything!'

Terry did not want to talk to anybody and everyone was angry with him.

One afternoon after school Terry was running home. He looked behind him and saw Mr Walker. Mr Walker was running after Terry. Terry was very angry. 'I don't want to play tennis,' he told himself. 'I don't want to do my homework. I would rather run!'

Terry ran faster and faster. Then he looked behind him. Mr Walker was not there.

That night Terry ran again. When he was running, he was happy. But when he went home, he felt afraid.

'Perhaps Mr Walker will make me play tennis again!' he thought.

The next day Mr Walker saw Terry in the school playground. Terry felt very afraid and wanted to run away. But Mr Walker smiled at him and said, 'I tried to catch up with you last night.'

'I'm sorry, Mr Walker, but said Terry.

'I'm a good runner, but you were too fast!' said Mr Walker. 'I couldn't catch up with you. You're a very good runner. Do you like running more than tennis, Terry?'

Terry thought about this. When he played tennis, he was not happy. When he did his homework, he was not happy. But when he ran, he was happy.

'Yes, Mr Walker,' said Terry. 'I would rather run.'

Puzzles

1. Find these words in the word square.

tennis

faster

afraid

runner

clever

homework

everyone

afternoon

2. Look at the pictures. Fill in the right words.

after with up behind

a) Mr Walker was running _____ Terry.

b) Terry looked _____ him and saw Mr Walker.

c) Mr Walker caught with _____ Terry.

d) Mr Walker was not angry _____ Terry.

Terry saw Mr Walker again at lunch-time. Mr Walker said, 'I've talked to your father. I'm going to be your coach.'

'My tennis coach, Mr Walker?' asked Terry.

'No,' said Mr Walker, 'your running coach. There'll be a race next month against Belton School.'

I want you to run for our school.' Mr Walker ran with Terry every day. Terry learned to start a race quickly. Mr Walker timed Terry with his stop-watch. Terry was very fast!

It was the day of the race. Terry felt very afraid. Belton School had the best runners. Ron Skipper was their fastest runner. He laughed when he saw Terry.

'What are you doing here?' Ron Skipper asked. 'I won our tennis match. And I'm going to win this race!'

The runners waited for the race to start. Terry looked around. All his family were watching him. Mr Walker was watching, too. He felt very afraid.

The race started. Ron Skipper ran very fast, but Terry ran faster. Terry won the race! Everyone cheered.

Now Terry was very happy. He began to like his lessons. His mother and father were happy. Mr Walker was also happy. 'You have won all your races, Terry,' he said.

'I want to run with the fastest runners in the world,' said Terry. 'Where can I do that?'

Mr Walker smiled. 'At the Olympic Games, Terry,' he said, 'but you'll have to work very hard to run there. Only the best athletes go to the Olympic Games.'

'I will work hard, Mr Walker,' said Terry. 'And I will work hard at school, too. One day I want to be the best runner in the'

world.'

Puzzles

1. These pictures are in the right order. They are about the story. Write the right letters in the boxes to tell the story.

Terry played tennis against Ron Skipper and Ron won the match.

Terry wanted to go to the Olympic Games.

Mr Walker became Terry's running coach.

Terry went to a new school. Terry ran away from his tennis lesson.

Terry won the race against Ron Skipper.

2. What will happen to Terry? Tick the sentences.

a) Terry will run for many hours a day.

b) Terry will go to the Olympic Games.

c) Terry will play tennis again.

The Olympic Games

The Olympic Games happen every four years. Each time they are in a different city.

The first Olympic Games were more than two thousand years ago in a place called Olympia in Greece. There were races and lots of different sports. People from all over Greece came to the Olympic Games.

The Olympic Games stopped for a very long time. Then a man called Baron Pierre de Coubertin started them again in Athens in 1896. Athletes from all over the world came to the new Olympics.

Today more than 15,000 athletes from 160 countries go to the Olympics each time.

Before the Olympic Games start, there is an opening ceremony with music, dancing and fireworks. All the athletes march into the stadium. Each team carries the flag of its country. Some small countries have very small teams. Big countries like China and the USA have hundreds of athletes.

Then a runner runs into the stadium with the Olympic torch. The torch is always lit. The runner lights the Olympic fire in the stadium. Then the Olympic Games start.

The best athletes from each country go to the Olympic Games. There are three medals for each game.

The gold medal is for the champion. If you win the gold medal, you are the best athlete in the world at your sport. The silver medal is for the first runner-up. The bronze medal is for the second runner-up.

If you win a medal, everyone sees your country's flag and hears your country's song.

Puzzles

1. join the two parts of the sentences.

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|---|---|---|---------------------------------|
| a) The Olympic Games happen | • | • | were in Olympia. happen |
| b) The First Olympic Games | • | • | were in Athens. |
| c) In 1896 the Olympic Games | • | • | every four years. |
| d) All the athletes march into the stadium. | • | • | before the Olympic Games start. |

2. Who won the gold, silver and bronze medals? Read the sentences and fill in the table.

There are lots of running races at the Olympics. The shortest race is 100 metres. Today runners can finish the race in about ten seconds.

There are races of 5,000 metres and 10,000 metres. The longest

race is the marathon. The marathon is 42,195 metres long. In the marathon the athletes run in the streets. Then the race ends in the stadium.

Today marathon runners are very fast. In 1988 Belayneh Dinsamo from Ethiopia finished the marathon in 2 hours.

There are lots of different sports at the Olympics. Some are throwing games. To win a throwing game, the athletes must throw something very far.

In the hammer, each athlete throws a very heavy ball with a long wire. The athlete holds the wire in his hands, spins it and himself, then releases it.

In the discus, each athlete holds a very heavy discus in one hand. The athlete spins himself/ herself and then throws the discus.

In the shot-put, each athlete holds a very heavy ball close to the neck. Then he/she pushes it away very fast.

In the javelin, each athlete throws a javelin to make it strike the ground.

There are different jumping games, too. There is the long jump, the triple jump, the high jump and the pole vault.

In the long jump, the jumpers run, step and jump onto a sandpit.

In the triple jump, the jumpers run and then hop, step and jump onto a sandpit.

In the high jump, the jumpers jump over a high bar.

In the pole vault, the jumpers jump with the help of a long vaulting pole.

There are also some team games at the Olympics, for example, basketball and football. You can also watch boat races and bicycle races.

Most of the athletes at the Olympics are very good at one sport, but the athletes in the decathlon must be good at running, jumping and throwing.

The decathlon takes two days. There are four different races, the long jump, the high jump, the pole vault, the shot-put, the discus and the javelin. The athletes get points for each sport. Then the points for all ten games are added up. The winner is the person with the most points.

Puzzles

1. Something is missing from each picture. Draw them.

2. What are they? Write the right words.

a marathon runner

a decathlon athlete

a runner

a discus athlete

a) I run in races.

- b) My race is 26 miles 385 yards. _____
- c) I throw a very heavy discus. _____
- d) I must be good at running, jumping and throwing. _____