

## Celebrations and Festivals

Starter:

What are the different celebrations and festivals? Label the pictures with the names of festivals and celebrations from the words inside the box. In what country are they celebrated? When are they celebrated?

Dragon Boat Festival  
Christmas

Halloween  
Cherry Blossom Festival

Wedding  
Korean Thanksgiving Day

A



B



C



D



E



F



## Language Focus

### Adverb Time Clause

— shows when something happens and is introduced by time adverbs.

**Examples:** when

before

after

**Sentences:**

**When** the wedding ceremony service starts, a group of seven men goes to the bride's home. (El Salvador)

**After** the wedding, the parents of the groom throw nuts and plums to the bride. (South Korea)

**Before** the groom sees the bride, he has to kneel down in front of the bride's parents and promise them that he will take good care of their daughter. (Taiwan)

### A. Wedding custom in North America. Match the phrases with the information below.

1. Right after a couple gets married, they usually. . . .
2. When people are invited to a wedding, they almost always . . .
3. Before a man and woman get married, they usually. . .
4. When a couple gets engaged, the man often. . .

- a. give the bride and groom a gift or some money.
- b. date each other for about a year.
- c. they usually go on a honeymoon.
- d. gives the woman a diamond ring.

### B. Share an interesting custom and discuss it with your classmates. Choose from the topics below.

courtship      marriages      good luck      births

### Example:

Student A: I know an interesting custom in the Philippines.  
When a boy courts a girl, he stands outside her house and sings romantic songs to her.



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