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Holidays and Traditions

Meet Kaylee! Kaylee is an anthropologist. An anthropologist learns about people and cultures around the world. Follow the steps below to learn more about being an anthropologist.



Step 1: Read Story

Read the story attached called, “Celebrating Different Holidays.” Then, use the word bank below to complete the sentences.

Word Bank

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| Diwali | Tradition | Culture |
| Anthropologist | Rosh Hashanah | Earth Day |

1. A _____ is a special activity that people do to celebrate a holiday, like eating a special food.
2. _____ is a celebration of the Jewish New Year.
3. _____ is a holiday that teaches us why the Earth is so important what we can do to help keep it clean.
4. _____ is also called the “Festival of Lights.”
5. An _____ is a person who learns about people and cultures.

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Step 2: Choose a Holiday

Think about a holiday that your family celebrates. Fill in the information below about the holiday.

My favorite holiday is _____.

My favorite part about the holiday is _____.

What season is the holiday celebrated in? Fill in the bubble under your choice.



Spring



Summer



Fall



Winter

Families have different traditions to celebrate holidays. They may dress in certain clothes or make a certain food. Think about a tradition that your family has. Draw a picture in the box below to show something special your family does to celebrate this holiday.

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Step 3: Make a Flag

On the next page, you will see an outline of a flag. Decorate the flag with pictures and words that talk about the holiday your family celebrates.

Step 4: Display Your Flag

When you finish decorating your flag, cut it out along the lines. Hang up your flag where other people can see it. When people see your flag, they might have questions about the holiday that your family celebrates. You can answer their questions and teach them about your family's traditions and holidays!

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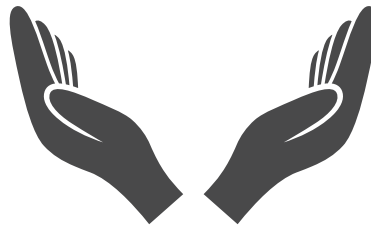


Celebrating Different Holidays

Meet Kaylee!

Hi! My name is Kaylee, and I am an anthropologist. An anthropologist learns about people and cultures around the world. The word “culture” describes a way of living that is shared by a group of people.

Religion is a part of culture. People practice different religions, like Christianity, Islam, or Hinduism.



Holidays are a part of culture. People celebrate different holidays, like Thanksgiving, Christmas, or Diwali.



Language is a part of culture. Some people speak one language and others speak more than one language.

Where I Live

Right now, I live in Los Angeles, California. Los Angeles is a big city with a lot of people! Over 4 million people live in Los Angeles! Los Angeles is also a multicultural city. This means that there are many cultures in one place.



If you walk around Los Angeles, you might hear people speaking different languages, like English, Farsi, and Spanish. This shows that there are many cultures in one place.

Interviewing People from Different Cultures

What's your favorite holiday?
What's your favorite holiday tradition?

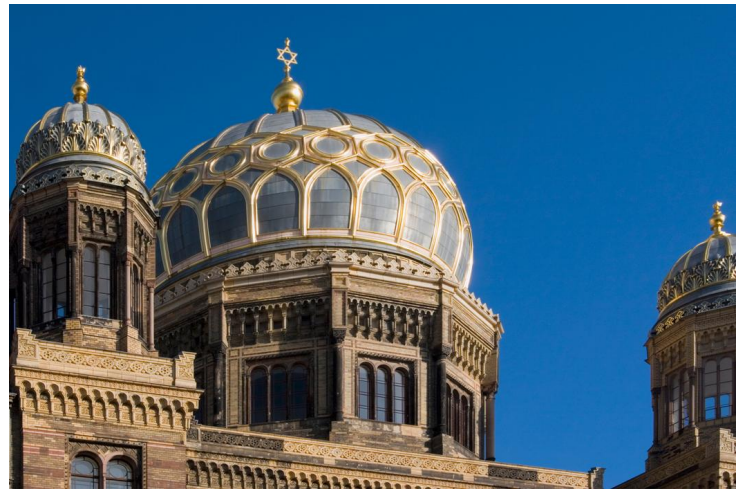


As an anthropologist, I like to learn about different people's cultures. Today, I am interviewing three people who live in Los Angeles. I am going to ask each person about their favorite holiday. Then, I am going to ask them to explain their holiday traditions. A tradition is a special activity or way of celebrating a holiday. A tradition could be wearing special clothes or eating special foods!

Interviewing Jessica

First, I interviewed woman named Jessica. Jessica's favorite holiday is called Rosh Hashanah! Rosh Hashanah is Jewish holiday. It celebrates the Jewish New Year.

On Rosh Hashanah, Jessica's family goes to a synagogue. A synagogue is a place where Jewish people pray and learn. When her family prays at the synagogue, they say prayers in two languages! They say prayers in English and Hebrew. Take a look at what the words "Rosh Hashanah" look like when they are written in Hebrew.



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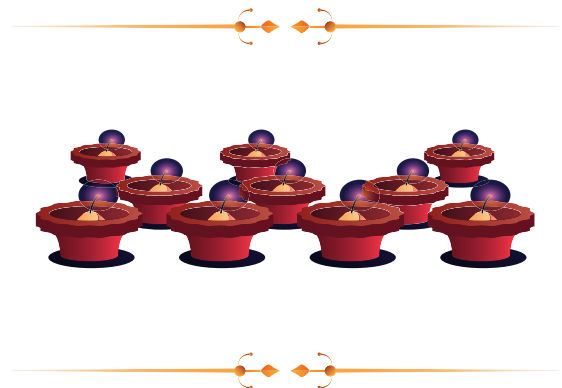


Jessica also tells me about her favorite tradition on Rosh Hashanah. Her favorite tradition is eating apples dipped in honey. She dips the apples in honey. The sweet honey stands for the idea of having a sweet new year!

Interviewing Koti

Second, I interview a man named Koti. Koti's favorite holiday is Diwali. Diwali is celebrated in India. The holiday celebrates happiness and new beginnings. Diwali is also called the "Festival of Lights."

Koti tells me that his favorite Diwali tradition is decorating the whole house with candles and lights. He also likes eating a sweet dessert called boondi ladoo with his cousins!



Interviewing Carly

Third, I interview a woman named Carly. Her favorite holiday is Earth Day. This holiday teaches people about the importance of taking care of the Earth and keeping it clean.



Carly's favorite tradition is planting a tree in a park that is near her house. The tree is very small when she plants it. However, Carly loves watching the tree grows over time!

I loved learning about everyone's favorite holidays and their traditions! What Is your favorite holiday?