



PDF Worksheet: 'Spring Festivals'

How to use this worksheet: ([Click here to watch video](#))

- The **'Listening Comprehension'** questions are designed to help you *actively* listen to the conversation. Try listening to the video once, without paying attention to the questions in the PDF. Just listen to get used to how the people in the video speak, adjust to their way of speaking, and get an idea of the topic and the views and information expressed in the video. Watch and relax!
- After you have listened to the video once to get an idea of what it is about, read through the **'Listening Comprehension'** questions and see if you can answer any immediately without watching the video again.
- Finally, watch the video a second time and listen for the answers to the **'Listening Comprehension'** questions. Answer any you couldn't answer, and check your answers to the ones you have already answered. Watch the video more than once if you need to, and remember that you can always stop, rewind, and slow the speed *as much as you need to!*
- Print this worksheet and use it to write your answers if you want to, or use a notebook.

- The **'Use Of English'** section is designed to get you thinking more about the language used in the video. In this section you can expect to find questions about synonyms, collocations, and useful expressions. Use a dictionary, or an internet search engine to help you find the answers you need.
- It's helpful to invent your own examples with any new language you learn, so use the space below the questions to practise. This will help you to remember new words.

- The **'Culture Spot'** section is there to help you think about the topic of the video and how the issues discussed may differ from one cultural context to another. Spend some time thinking about any new information you learn here, and how this applies to you, and your life. How does it compare to where you live? Does it make sense to you?
- In order to practise, feel free to use the space below this section to write in English about the information in this section, or your views about it, or your reactions to it.

- The **'Writing'** section is for you to practise your writing skills! Think about the question(s) and write a response in one or two paragraphs. Try to use any new vocabulary you've learnt during this video lesson.
- If you need to, make a draft in your first language in order to organise your thoughts before re-writing (not translating!) into English.
- If you have a teacher, tutor, or someone who usually checks your work, show them all of your answers to each section for their feedback.

You can re-use a listening resource like this one many times over. After you have completed the whole worksheet, try revisiting the video again, a day or two later, to refresh your memory about what you've learnt. Maybe you'll even pick up more from the video next time you watch it! Don't forget to share these resources with any friends or colleagues you have who are also learning English, sign up for our newsletter at www.upskillingforchange.com and follow us on Instagram [@upskillingforchange](https://www.instagram.com/upskillingforchange). We hope you enjoy studying with us!

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Listening Comprehension

In Algeria...

- When is the Spring festival celebrated?
- Which instrument is played during the Spring festivities?
- How long does the festival last?

In the UK...

- According to stories, which animal delivers the Easter chocolates?
- What's an Easter egg hunt?
- What do some people dance around on May Day?

In Iran...

- How many different types of food beginning with 's' are put on the table?
- What does garlic symbolise?
- How does Toktam empty the yolk and white from the egg?

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Use Of English

Can you put these words into the correct categories?

- Apple
- Rabbit
- Vinegar
- March
- Chick
- Chocolate
- April
- Spring
- Egg
- Camel
- Olive
- Summer
- Garlic
- Winter
- May

Food	Animals	Months	Seasons

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Culture Spot

Algeria	The Berber Spring was a peaceful movement in Algeria during the 1980s that aimed to promote Berber culture and identity. The movement included demonstrations, strikes, and civil disobedience, which led to clashes with the Algerian government. It achieved some cultural and linguistic rights for Berbers, including the recognition of the Tamazight language. The Berber Spring is now celebrated on April 20th every year to reflect on the Berber people's history, struggles, and ongoing fight for recognition and equality in North Africa.
Iran	During Iran's spring festival, or "Nowruz," people grow sprouts in small dishes as a symbol of new life. They also play a game called 'kooneh takouni' in which teams try to break each other's painted eggs. These traditions represent renewal and bring people together during the festive season.
The UK	In the UK, one fun cultural thing about spring festivals is the tradition of "Maypole Dancing." It is a folk dance that takes place around a tall pole that is decorated with ribbons and flowers. Dancers, usually children, hold onto the ribbons and move around the pole, weaving the ribbons in intricate patterns. Maypole Dancing is usually performed during May Day celebrations and other spring festivals. The tradition of Maypole Dancing dates back to the Middle Ages, and it is still popular in many parts of the UK today. It is a fun and festive way to celebrate springtime and bring communities together.



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Writing

Why do you think that the beginning of Spring is celebrated in many different places? What is special about this time of year, both in general, and where you live?