Lesson 1: What is your favorite holiday?

1. Abigail is going to Los Planes de Renderos. True / False
2. Today is Children’s Day. True / False
3. Abigail has a family dinner on this day. True / False
4. Diego’s father is living in Miami now. True / False
5. Abigail is not inviting Diego to go to Los Planes de Renderos. True / False
6. Diego talks for one hour with his grandmother. True / False

Answer the following questions with your own information.

1. Is Independence Day your favorite holiday?
2. Is that a special day in your city?
3. Does your family get together on Easter?
4. What is your favorite holiday?
5. What do you usually do on Labor Day?
Read the following passages carefully.

Independence Day is celebrated at a national level at public and private schools, as well as military bases. Each city organizes parades with marching students representing their respective schools with their bands and groups of cheerleaders. Each group bears the flag of El Salvador and their school flag. Special ceremonies are also held at the Plaza Libertad located in downtown San Salvador with the participation of the President of El Salvador, accompanied by his cabinet members, who addresses the nation a related message.

Christmas in El Salvador is celebrated with a family gathering at a traditional dinner to commemorate the birth of baby Jesus. Dinner is generally served after the entire family attends Mass (Misa del Gallo) on Christmas Eve if they are Catholic, which is celebrated in all churches exactly at midnight. Upon returning from church, the fabulous dinner consisting generally of oven roasted turkey or chicken is served with rice, potato salad, and fresh salad. Typical drinks are alcohol or sodas. Fruit juices are commonly served to kids and of course the typical horchata (mix of pulverized milk, cocoa beans and pumpkin seeds) can never fail. Children celebrate Christmas with firecrackers and fireworks while they wait for Santa Claus’ arrival with toys.

Festivities of the patron saint of El Salvador, the Divino Salvador del Mundo, are also called “Fiestas Agostinas”. They are the most important festivals in El Salvador. Religious, recreational and trade activities are carried out that week. The principal attraction is the traditional “Bajada” (descent), or procession of the patron saint, the Divino Salvador del Mundo that parades the principal streets of downtown San Salvador, representing the Transfiguration of Jesus Christ.

Decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. Independence Day is not celebrated at a national level at public and private schools or military bases.
   True / False

2. Christmas in El Salvador is celebrated with a family gathering at a traditional dinner to commemorate the birth of baby Jesus.
   True / False

3. Children celebrate Christmas with firecrackers and fireworks while they wait for Santa Claus’ arrival with toys.
   True / False

4. Festivities of the patron saint, the Divino Salvador del Mundo, are also called Carnival.
   True / False

5. The principal attraction is the traditional “Bajada” (descent), or procession of the patron saint, that parades the principal streets of downtown San Salvador during Christmas.
   True / False
Lesson 2: What’s the date today?

1. **Activity**
   Write corresponding questions to the following answers.

   1. ____________________________?  
      It’s on December 25th.

   2. ____________________________?  
      It’s on February 14th.

   3. ____________________________?  
      From August 1st to August 6th.

   4. ____________________________?  
      It’s on September the 15th.

   5. ____________________________?  
      It’s on December 24th.

2. **Activity**
   Read the following conversation carefully.

   A: Hey, Juan! When is Independence Day?
   B: It’s in September. And it is a national holiday.
   A: Is it a day of rest?
   B: Yes, Steven. Nobody works on that day.
   A: What do you usually do on that day?
   B: I usually stay home in the afternoon.
   A: And what do you do in the morning?
   B: Well, I enjoy watching the parades with my family. How about you?
   A: Oh, I go to the beach with my family and return at 4 or 5 in the evening.
   B: Do you know any other day of rest during the year?
   A: Of course, one of the most important holidays in El Salvador is the Fiestas Agostinas.
   A: You’re right. How do know?
   B: Because my parents always come to El Salvador to spend their vacation with me and my family.

3. **Activity**
   Complete the following statements using the words given below.

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<th>Sunday</th>
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<th>Friday</th>
<th>Wednesday</th>
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<td>Tuesday</td>
<td>Thursday</td>
<td>Monday</td>
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   1. The first day of the week is ____________.

   2. The second day of the week is ____________.

   3. The third day of the week is ____________.

   4. The fourth day of the week is ____________.

   5. The fifth day of the week is ____________.

   6. The sixth day of the week is ____________.

   7. The seventh day of the week is ____________.

4. **Activity**
   Answer the following questions according to the conversation.

   1. What holidays are they talking about?
      _____________________________________________

   2. When are these holidays celebrated?
      _____________________________________________

   3. What does Juan do on Independence Day?
      _____________________________________________

   4. What does Steven do on the same day?
      _____________________________________________

   5. When do Steven’s parents come to El Salvador?
      _____________________________________________
Lesson 3: Where is the party?

1. **Activity**

   Complete the following table by writing the correct ordinal numbers.

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<tr>
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<td>seventeenth</td>
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<td>second</td>
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<td>fourteenth</td>
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<td>thirty-first</td>
<td>fifteenth</td>
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2. **Activity**

   Match the written forms of the dates on the left with the spoken forms of the dates on the right.

   - A December the thirty-first, two thousand nine.
   - B February the fourteenth, nineteen ninety-nine.
   - C October the twelfth, two thousand.
   - D June the seventeenth, two thousand eight.
   - E December the twenty-fifth, nineteen eighty-eight.
   - F September the ninth, nineteen ninety-nine.
   - G February the second, two thousand ten.
   - H January the first, two thousand nine.
   - I October the fifteenth, two thousand nine.
   - J December the twelfth, two thousand twelve.
Activity

Read the following conversation about a hotel room reservation carefully.

A: Hello. La Palma Mountain Hotel. May I help you?
B: Yes, I’d like to reserve a room for four on the 17th of June.
A: Okay. Let me check our books. The 17th of July, right?
B: No. June, not July!
A: Oh, sorry. Let me see here. Hmm.
B: Are you all booked that night?
A: Well, we do have one double room available, complete with a kitchen and a jacuzzi bath. And the view of the mountains is great, too.
B: How much is that?
A: It’s only $100 dollars, plus a 13% room tax.
B: Oh, that’s a little too expensive for me. Do you have a cheaper room available either on the 22nd or the 23rd?
A: Well, would you like a single or double room?
B: Double room, please.
A: Okay, we do have a few rooms available on the 22nd. We’re full on the 23rd, unless you want a single room.
B: Well, how much is the single room on the 23rd?
A: $50 dollars, plus the 13% room tax.
B: Okay, that’ll be fine.
A: All right. Could I have your name, please?
B: Yes, Roland Guzman.
A: How do you spell your last name, Mr. Guzman?
B: G-U-Z-M-A-N.
A: Okay, Mr. Guzman, we look forward to seeing you on March 23rd.
B: Okay. Goodbye.

Decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. The man is calling La Palma Mountain Hotel.
   True / False

2. The double room is $113, plus the 13% room tax.
   True / False

3. The single room is $50, plus the 13% room tax.
   True / False

4. The man makes the room reservation for March the 22nd.
   True / False

5. The man last name is Martinez.
   True / False

Activity

Answer the following questions with your own information.

1. Where do you go when you are on vacation?
   _______________________________
   _______________________________

2. Do you go with your family?
   _______________________________
   _______________________________

3. What do you do there?
   _______________________________
   _______________________________

4. Where do you like to go on Labor Day?
   _______________________________
   _______________________________

5. Do you stay at home on Mother’s Day?
   _______________________________
   _______________________________
Lesson 4: What do you do on your birthday?

1 Activity

Match the celebrations on the left with their definitions on the right.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Celebrations</th>
<th>Definitions</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1 party</td>
<td>A An outdoor event where people cook on a grill.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2 dinner party</td>
<td>B A baptismal celebration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 birthday party</td>
<td>C An occasion during which members of the extended family meet to be with each other.</td>
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<tr>
<td>4 anniversary party</td>
<td>D A celebration for an anniversary such as a marriage anniversary, work anniversary etc.</td>
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<tr>
<td>5 family gathering</td>
<td>E A celebration of someone's birth.</td>
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<tr>
<td>6 christening</td>
<td>F A party which takes place during a long, usually formal, dinner.</td>
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<tr>
<td>7 barbecue</td>
<td>G A celebration of some kind where there are many invited guests.</td>
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2 Activity

Read the following conversation.

A: Hi, Mary. How is it going?
B: Hi, Rudy. So far so good! How about you?
A: Pretty good. By the way, do you know that today’s Mike and Mayra’s wedding anniversary?
B: Of course. He got married in December. He and his wife are giving a party tonight at their new house.
A: Yeah. I know. But I have a big problem. I do not know what to give them. Last time I gave them a photo album, but it was too small.
B: Don’t worry about it. If you want, we can go shopping right now.
A: Thanks a lot, Mary.
B: We can go to a department store. We can buy them a digital camera and a huge photo album.
A: That’s a nice idea for a present. You are a good gift giver.
B: Yes, I really enjoy shopping.
A: I really appreciate your help.
B: You are welcome. Let’s go.

Answer the following questions according to the previous conversation.

1. Who is having a wedding anniversary?
   ____________________________________________________________

2. When did they get married?
   ____________________________________________________________

3. When is the party?
   ____________________________________________________________

4. What do Rudy and Mary want to buy for them?
   ____________________________________________________________

5. Where do they go to buy it?
   ____________________________________________________________
Write corresponding questions to the following answers.

1. ____________________________________________?
   Yes, she does.
2. ____________________________________________?
   No, he doesn’t.
3. ____________________________________________?
   They go to the wedding party.
4. ____________________________________________?
   She goes to the graduation party.
5. ____________________________________________?
   Yes, she visits her family on weekends.

Put the following words in the correct order to form questions.

1. on / your / you / do / what / do / birthday / ?
   ____________________________________________
   ____________________________________________
2. do / on / your / mother / her / birthday / what / does / ?
   ____________________________________________
   ____________________________________________
3. you / your / birthday / go / to / celebrate / where / do / ?
   ____________________________________________
   ____________________________________________
4. celebrate / where / family / Christmas / does / your / ?
   ____________________________________________
   ____________________________________________
5. do / Father’s / Day / you / celebrate / when / ?
   ____________________________________________
   ____________________________________________
6. Celebrate / father / you / take / you / where?
   ____________________________________________
   ____________________________________________
7. After / party / Oscar’s / is / the / where / award?
   ____________________________________________
   ____________________________________________
Lesson 5: Where is Thanksgiving celebrated?

Read the following conversation carefully.

A: Hey, Lillian, wait up! I want to tell you something really important
B: Hi! Sonya. What’s up?
A: This weekend I’m having a birthday party for Richie. I’d like you to come.
B: I’d love to. When and where is it?
A: On Saturday at 7:00 at my house. We’re going to order a pizza and play some games and listen to some music.
B: It sounds like a lot of fun. But now that I think about it, I promised I would do something with Douglas on Saturday night.
A: Well why don’t you bring him along? It would be fun. Richie would really like that. I’m sure.
B: Really? That would be great. Okay, I’ll ask Douglas to come along.

Answer the following questions according to the previous conversation.

1. When is Richie’s birthday party?

2. Where is the party?

3. What time is the party?

4. What are they going to eat at the party?

Read the following passage about New Year’s in New York.

New Year’s Day is the first day of the year in the Gregorian calendar. New Year’s Eve is a time for parties and celebrations. These celebrations culminate with the ringing of the New Year at midnight.

Many cities around the world have spectacular fireworks displays at midnight on New Year’s Eve. Some of the best known are in Sydney, New York, and London. In New York City, a lot of people gather in Times Square to watch the traditional “ball-dropping” ceremony right before midnight.

A New Year’s resolution is a decision one makes to change something in the New Year, for example - quitting smoking, losing weight, etc. Many people don’t follow through with these resolutions.

It is quite common to toast the New Year with champagne. New Year’s Day is an official holiday in many countries. People are most likely given the day off of work to recover from the previous night’s parties.

In the time before and after New Year’s Day, many radio and TV stations broadcast various “best of the year” lists. Numerous magazines and newspapers publish the same types of lists.

Decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. New Year’s Day is the first day of the year in the Gregorian calendar. True / False

2. Many cities around the world have spectacular fireworks displays at midnight on New Year’s Eve. True / False

3. A New Year’s resolution is a decision one makes to change something in the New Year, for example - quitting smoking or losing weight. True / False

4. People aren’t most likely given the day off of work to recover from the previous night’s parties. True / False

5. Numerous magazines and newspapers don’t publish “best of the year” lists. True / False