



Learning Focus

- Reading** Understanding the connection between ideas by identifying cohesive devices
- Grammar** Connectives – and / or / but / so + Tenses – Present & Past
- Writing** Using personal experiences and imagination
- Speaking** Understanding the story presented in a set of pictures



Reading



- A** Lea is writing a postcard to a foreign friend, Marcia. Read the postcard. For Questions 1-4, choose the best answers. Then fill in the blank for Question 5 and answer Questions 6-8 in complete sentences.

Dear Marcia,

How are you? Today is the first day of Chinese New Year. I can finally enjoy a two-week holiday!

- In Hong Kong, we believe that Chinese New Year is a good time to show our love and care to our relatives, so we usually visit our relatives and chat with each other during the festival. Also, when married couples meet children, they give them red packets. They are small red envelopes with money inside. We believe they can bring us good luck!

- Some people believe we must not wash our hair or sweep the floor on the first day of Chinese New Year because we may also wash or sweep away our good fortune and wealth. Last year, I lost my wallet right after I helped Mum sweep the floor, so I am not going to break the 'rule' ever again!



Marcia To
92 Bay
Tacoma,
CA 984,
USA

Best,

Lea

1. From the text, what do people do during Chinese New Year?



A.

B.

C.

D.

2. People visit their relatives during the festival because _____.

A. they can chat with them

B. they can get good luck

C. children can get red packets

D. they want to show them their love and care



Pay attention to the connective 'so', which shows the result(s) of something.

3. Read lines 13-14: ...wash or sweep away our good fortune and wealth.

'Fortune' means _____.

A. happiness

B. money

C. luck

D. food

4. From the text, which of the following is FALSE?

A. People get good luck by giving out red packets.

B. Children get red packets from married people.

C. You should not wash your hair on the first day of Chinese New Year.

D. Lea did some housework during the festival last year.

5. In line 8, the word 'them' refers to _____.

6. When did Lea write the postcard?

7. What are red packets?

8. Why is it not a good idea to wash our hair and sweep the floor on the first day of Chinese New Year?

- B** Jacob is reading a magazine article about a festival in Thailand. Read the article. For Questions 1-2, choose the best answers. Then fill in the blanks for Question 3.

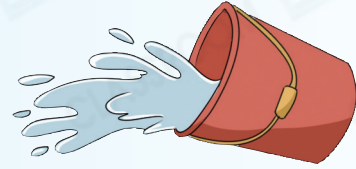


Songkran Festival – The Festival of Water

Every year, people in Thailand celebrate Songkran Festival, the Thai New Year, from 13th to 15th April in different ways.

5 On New Year's Day, people of all ages in Thailand put on new clothes and visit the temples. When people pay a visit to the temples, they often bring the monks gifts and food because they think they should celebrate the new year with acts of kindness.

10 Most importantly, people pour water on each other during the festival because they think water can help them get away from illnesses and misfortune. So now, do you see why people call it 'The Water Festival'?



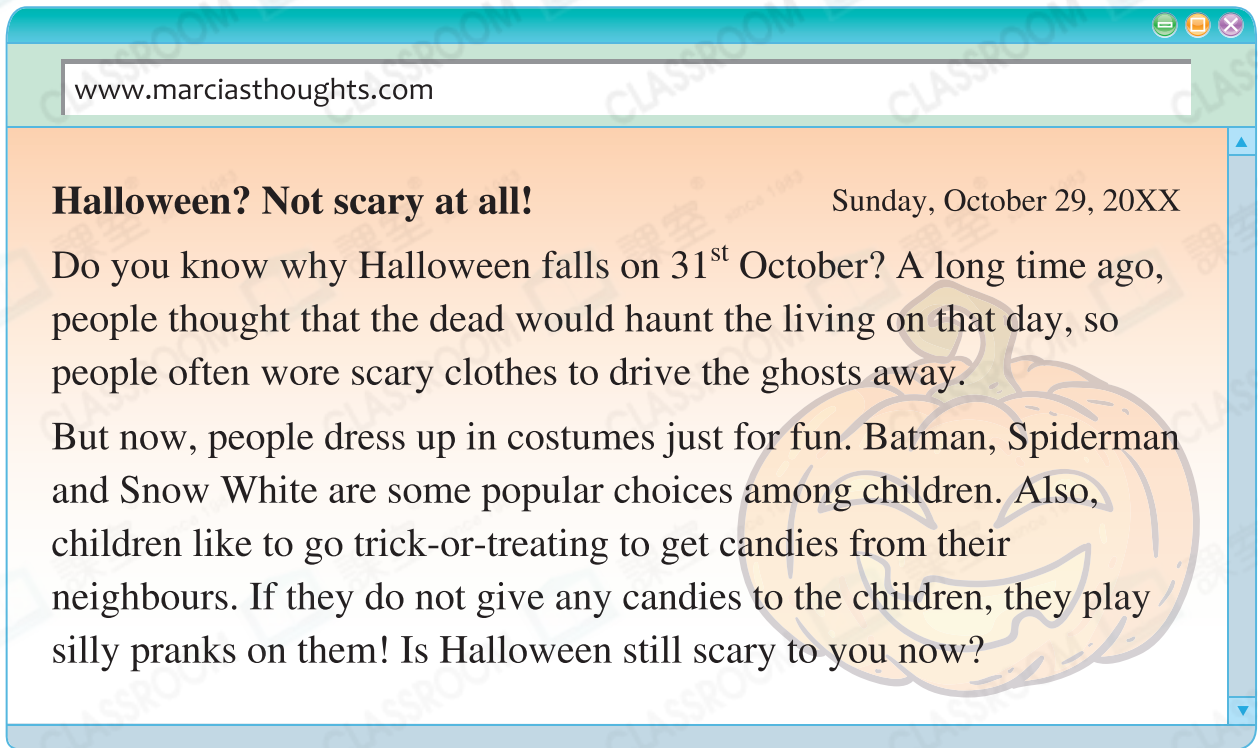
- From the text, which of the following is FALSE?
 - A. The celebration of the festival lasts for three days.
 - B. People buy new shoes to welcome the Thai New Year.
 - C. People celebrate the festival by visiting the temples.
 - D. People like to wear new clothes on 13th April.
2. Which of the following is NOT an act of kindness?
 - A. giving food to monks
 - B. visiting an old people's home
 - C. putting on new clothes
 - D. bringing gifts to a temple
3. Fill in each blank with one word from the text.



Read the examples of acts of kindness in paragraph 2 carefully and compare them with the options.

During the festival, everyone in Thailand likes to (a) _____ water on others as they believe water has the power to keep (b) _____ and bad luck away from them.

- C** Marcia is writing a blog entry about Halloween. Read the blog entry. For Questions 1-4, choose the best answers.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar containing "www.marciasthoughts.com". The main content area has an orange background and features a blog post titled "Halloween? Not scary at all!" dated "Sunday, October 29, 20XX". The text of the blog entry reads: "Do you know why Halloween falls on 31st October? A long time ago, people thought that the dead would haunt the living on that day, so people often wore scary clothes to drive the ghosts away. But now, people dress up in costumes just for fun. Batman, Spiderman and Snow White are some popular choices among children. Also, children like to go trick-or-treating to get candies from their neighbours. If they do not give any candies to the children, they play silly pranks on them! Is Halloween still scary to you now?" A large, faint illustration of a jack-o'-lantern is visible in the background of the text.

- Why did people in the past wear strange costumes on 31st October?
 A. They wanted to show their love to the dead.
 B. They wanted to scare the ghosts away.
 C. They wanted to welcome the dead.
 D. They wanted to help the ghosts get back home.
- From the text, which of the following is TRUE?
 A. Most adults are fans of superheroes and princesses.
 B. Children can get a lot of toys by going trick-or-treating.
 C. Adults play silly pranks on children at Halloween.
 D. People think dressing up in costumes at Halloween is fun.
- Read line 8: If they do not give any candies to the children...
What does the word 'they' refer to?
 A. the superheroes
 B. the ghosts at Halloween
 C. the neighbours
 D. the parents
- The writer thinks Halloween is a _____ festival today.
 A. scary
 B. fun
 C. sad
 D. crazy

A Marcia is chatting with Lea online. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the given words.

- I _____ (make) Easter eggs with my family every Easter.
- _____ you _____ (eat) roasted turkey at Christmas?
- My sister and I _____ (dress) up as witches last Halloween.
We _____ (enjoy) this festival every year!
- What _____ you _____ (do) at Chinese New Year last year?
I heard that it is a major festival in Hong Kong.
- I _____ (not go) to see the fireworks last year
because I _____ (catch) a cold.
- I _____ (not celebrate) Dragon Boat Festival.



B Marcia is talking to her dad about Mid-Autumn Festival. Complete their conversation with the given words.

and but or so

Marcia : What do people do at Mid-Autumn Festival, Dad?

Dad : People eat moon cakes 1. _____ starfruit.

Marcia : I see. Is the moon full that day?

Dad : Yes, it is full 2. _____ sometimes you may not see it clearly when it is very cloudy.

Marcia : Where do people usually celebrate the festival?

Dad : Most people do not play with lanterns 3. _____ see the moon at home 4. _____ they often choose to celebrate the festival in the park.

C Jacob is writing about Dragon Boat Festival on his blog. Complete his blog entry with 'and', 'but', 'or', 'so' or the correct form of the given words.

www.jacobsblog.com

The month of rice dumplings 19 June 20XX

Do you like dumplings 1. _____ outdoor activities? If so, Dragon Boat Festival 2. _____ (be) perfect for you. At this festival, people 3. _____ (eat) rice dumplings and 4. _____ (watch) dragon boat races. I still remember how I 5. _____ (celebrate) the festival last year.

I like Chinese food 6. _____ I 7. _____ (not like) rice dumplings, 8. _____ I 9. _____ (not eat) one last year. However, my dad brought me to Tai O to watch the boat races. It 10. _____ (be) exciting! The weather was not too hot 11. _____ too windy so everyone 12. _____ (enjoy) the day so much!

D Underline the mistakes and write the correct answers on the lines.

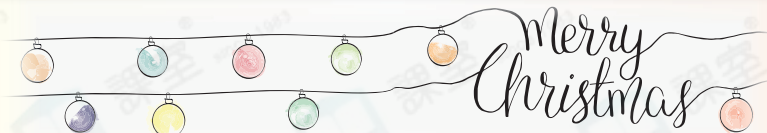
- Last Halloween, we went trick-or-treating in the neighbourhood and get a lot of candies! _____
- Marcia doesn't celebrate Chinese New Year and Dragon Boat Festival. _____
- Jacob is afraid of ghosts so he is a big fan of Halloween. Isn't it strange? _____
- I don't eat Easter eggs but my sister or my mum are crazy about them! _____
- Mum was sick last Christmas but she did not go out to see the Christmas lights. _____

Writing

A Marcia is writing about her Christmas party. Complete the invitation card. Then help her complete her writing with the help of the invitation card.



What may you do and eat during Christmas?




Come and join the fun on Christmas Eve!


7-11 pm, 24 December

3C classroom

What to do?


 play games

 _____

 exchange gifts

What to eat?

 _____

 _____

 _____



Please do not forget to bring a wrapped gift with you to make this Christmas more unforgettable.



This year, I 1. _____ an unforgettable Christmas party with 2. _____ at school on 3. _____. We played games 4. _____. 5. _____. After that, we began our dinner! We ate 6. _____.

All the food 7. _____ delicious. Besides the tasty food, what I loved best was the gift exchange session!

Each of us brought 8. _____ to the party. I unwrapped my gift at once. I got 9. _____! I was so 10. _____! To me, this was the most unforgettable Christmas ever!



What Christmas gifts did you get before? How did you feel about them?

B Lea had a dream last night. She is writing a personal recount about her dream. Help Lea complete her recount with the help of the pictures and the given words.



1 full moon / the Peak / take



2 cry / find



3 fairy / lantern / give / turn



Meeting a Fairy at Mid-Autumn Festival

I 1. _____ an interesting dream last night.

In my dream, Dad 2. _____ at Mid-Autumn Festival. We could see the 3. _____ clearly there. It was big and bright. The view there 4. _____ breathtaking 5. _____ we took many pictures. Suddenly, a crying girl came to us. 'Why 6. _____ you _____?' I asked her. She said, 'I 7. _____ where my mum and my dad are.' To cheer her up, I 8. _____ to her and she smiled. All of a sudden, she 9. _____ into a fairy! Dad and I 10. _____ very surprised. She said, '11. _____

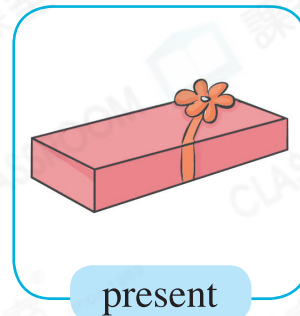
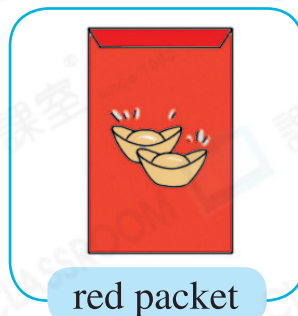
_____.

Then my alarm clock went off and woke me up.

Speaking

A Read aloud.

1. What can you see in the pictures? Read the words aloud.



2. Read these words to your classmate.

decorate

event

festival

gift

trick-or-treating

3. Read the sentence to your classmate. Then circle the 't' sounds.

Kate got a white, violet T-shirt at the Easter party yesterday.

B Read the text aloud.

Easter

Easter is my favourite festival. Every Easter, Aunt Lily comes to my home to make Easter eggs for us. My brother and I like them very much. I think they are the best Easter eggs in the world!

To celebrate the festival, my brother and I decorate our home with egg baskets, rabbit dolls and flowers. During the long holiday, we sometimes bring some Easter eggs to Grandma and Grandpa in Macau. Do you decorate your home at Easter together with your family? I hope you enjoy Easter as much as I do!

C Talk about your favourite festival with your classmate.

1. What is your favourite festival? Why?
2. What do you do to celebrate this festival?
3. Where do you go during this festival?
4. What did you eat during this festival last year?

D Mr Li is talking to Marcia about the story of Dora. Look at the pictures. Complete their conversation. Then act as Mr Li and Marcia with your classmate.



Mr Li : Marcia, can you tell me what Dora is doing before Christmas in Picture 1?

Marcia : She is going to send 1. _____.

Mr Li : That's right. What are Dora and her mum doing on Christmas Eve in Picture 2?

Marcia : I think they are going 2. _____. There are some presents in their bags.

Mr Li : How about on Christmas Day? Is Dora celebrating the festival with her family in Picture 3?

Marcia : No, she isn't. She is having 3. _____ with her friends at her home on Christmas Day.

Mr Li : What is Dora doing on Boxing Day?

Marcia : Dora is 4. _____ on Boxing Day.



Pay attention to what each picture is about and the connection between them.