

5 Festive Moments

Date : _____

Grade : _____



Grammar Notes

Preposition of Time: at

Hey, Jasper! You look fatter than before! Did you eat a lot **at** Christmas?

Well... **At** Christmas, we had a big family dinner.



We use some **prepositions of time** before different time expressions. We use the preposition of time **'at'** to talk about festivals.

We paint Easter eggs **at** Easter.

We use a comma when we put **'at'** at the beginning of the sentence.

At Easter, we eat chocolate eggs.



Grammar Tip

Besides 'at', 'in' and 'on' are common **prepositions of time**. We use 'in' with months and years, and 'on' with days and dates, e.g. in January and on 26 October.

Warm-up

A Jasper is trying to solve some riddles about festivals. Circle the correct answers.

This festival is ① in / on / at 15 August of the Chinese calendar. In the Western calendar, it is usually ② in / on / at September. We eat mooncakes and look at the moon ③ in / on / at this festival.

Which festival is it?

Some people go to church ④ in / on / at this festival to celebrate. It is ⑤ in / on / at a Sunday ⑥ in / on / at April. We see bunnies and painted eggs a lot ⑦ in / on / at this festival.

Which festival is it?



Grammar Notes

Question Words: What / When / Where / Which / Who / Why / How



We use different **question words** to ask about different kinds of information.

What	do you do at Easter?	ask about things
When	is the Dragon Boat Festival?	ask about time / date
Where	do you go at the Mid-Autumn Festival?	ask about places
Which	festive activity do you like most?	ask about choices
Who	do you visit at Chinese New Year?	ask about people
Why	do we eat turkey at Christmas?	ask about reasons
How	do you make a rice cake?	ask about methods
How	do you feel about Halloween?	ask about feelings



Common Errors

- ✓ **How** do you celebrate Halloween?
- ✗ **What** do you celebrate Halloween?



- How / What do you make a lantern?
- How / What activities do you usually do at the Mid-Autumn Festival?

Warm-up

B Ellie is talking about some festivals with her friend. Draw lines to match the answers to the correct questions.

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| 1. What do you do at Chinese New Year? | • | • We go to the park to watch the moon. |
| 2. How do you feel about Halloween? | • | • We visit our relatives. |
| 3. Why do you like Easter? | • | • I like Christmas most. |
| 4. Where do you go at the Mid-Autumn Festival? | • | • It is because we can eat chocolate eggs. |
| 5. How do you celebrate Christmas? | • | • We sing carols and eat turkey. |
| 6. When is Halloween? | • | • My friends celebrate it with me. |
| 7. Who celebrates Halloween with you? | • | • I feel scared because people wear scary costumes. |
| 8. Which festival do you like most? | • | • It is on the last day of October. |



Practice



Ellie is doing a pop quiz in a magazine. Complete the pop quiz with the correct question words and prepositions of time.



How Well Do You Know
About the Festivals?

① _____ is Christmas? Is it ② _____
November or December?

③ _____ fruit do people eat ④ _____
the Mid-Autumn Festival?

⑤ _____ do people celebrate Halloween?
Do they go on an egg hunt or trick-or-treating?

⌚ ⑥ _____ is a Chinese festival, Easter or
the Dragon Boat Festival?

⑦ _____ do people go ⑧ _____
Chinese New Year? The flower market or the beach?

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Send us your answers and win a special prize!



Hint: Q6

Which question
word do we use
to ask about
choices?

Proofreading



There is one mistake in each question. Correct the underlined mistakes for Questions 1-2. Underline and correct the mistakes for Questions 3-7.

1. How do I like Christmas? It is because I can throw a party. 1. _____
2. Who do you go at Easter? We visit our cousins. 2. _____
3. We solve lantern riddles in the Mid-Autumn Festival. 3. _____
4. What gave me this present? Is it from Santa Claus? 4. _____
5. On Halloween, we dress up in different costumes. 5. _____
6. I'm excited to have an egg hunt. What do you feel? ⌚ 6. _____
7. What Christmas dessert do you like more, a yule log or Christmas pudding? ⌚ 7. _____

Grammar in Context



Text Type:


Interview



Jasper is reading an interview in a magazine. Follow the example and complete the interview with the correct question words, the correct prepositions of time and with the help of the given words.

An Interview with Dr Johnny

In this issue, our reporter Peter interviewed Dr Johnny in Hong Kong. (P = Peter, J = Dr Johnny)

P : Dr Johnny, nice to meet you.  Why do you dress like an ancient person ? (dress like / an ancient person)

J : I dress like that because I love traditional Chinese culture.

P : **1** _____ ? (Chinese festival / like most)

J : I love them all but my favourite one is Chinese New Year.

P : **2** _____ ? (like it / so much)

J : Well, because it is the most important festival to the Chinese people.

P : **3** _____ ? (celebrate / Chinese New Year)

J : **4** _____ Lunar New Year, I have big family dinners with my relatives.

 **5** _____ its third day, we visit a temple.

P : **6** _____ ? (the name of the temple)

J : Its name is Che Kung Temple. Do you know it?

P : Yes, it is famous!  **7** _____ ? (temple)

J : It's in Sha Tin. Besides the temple, I also visit Shing Mun River in Sha Tin to watch dragon boat races **8** _____ the Dragon Boat Festival.


P : **9** _____ ? (the Dragon Boat Festival)

J : It is  **10** _____ the fifth of May of the Chinese calendar.

P : **11** _____ ? (feel about / this festival)

J : I feel happy! The races are exciting. I can also eat home-made rice dumplings.

P :  **12** _____ ? (make / the rice dumplings)

J : My grandma does. She makes all kinds of festive food  **13** _____ different festivals.

P : Wow! That's amazing!



Hint: Q5 & 10

Is the speaker talking about a festival or a special day?

