Unit 2 · Festivals and Celebrations

WORKSHEET

Full marks 35

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1 Words from the story [3]

Match each word in Column A with its meaning in Column B. Write the letter in the box. One meaning in Column B is not needed.

Column A		Column B
1. jerk	☐	**a.** to move back, away from danger
2. retreat	☐	**b.** to attack again and again with many things
3. hurl	☐	**c.** to move with one sudden, sharp movement
4. bombard	☐	**d.** to say no to an offer, politely
5. clutch	☐	**e.** to drink in very small mouthfuls
6. decline	☐	**f.** to hold tightly
		g. to throw hard

2 Words from the article [3]

Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the box. Two words are not needed.

abundant	commemorate	culminate	exotic	famine	flamboyant	intermittently	vibrant

Every year, our town holds a fair to _____ the day its first school opened. After a good monsoon, the farmers had an _____ harvest of rice. Before Dashain, the market at Asan is _____ with color and noise. Long ago, a _____ left the village with too little food for a whole year. The week of games will _____ in a football final on Saturday. The dancers wore _____ costumes of gold and bright red.

3 Reading I: Battle of the Oranges [5]

Read "Battle of the Oranges" on pages 18–19 of your English textbook. Then choose the correct answer.

i. The public notices in Ivrea tell people, especially tourists, to wear … [1]

a. a helmet. **b.** a red hat.
c. an orange shirt. **d.** a team uniform.

ii. The red hat, the berretto frigio, is a symbol of … [1]

a. the orange harvest. **b.** the town of Ivrea.
c. freedom. **d.** the Morte team.

iii. When the writer wipes her face and sees red, it is really … [1]

a. blood from a cut on her forehead. **b.** the paint from her red hat.
c. the juice of a blood orange. **d.** mud from the square.

iv. The aranceri on foot throw oranges at … **[1]**

a. the tourists behind the nets.
b. their opponents riding in horse-drawn carts.
c. the volunteers.
d. each other's teams on foot.

v. Silvia thinks the carnival is good for her because … **[1]**

a. she wins a prize every year.
b. the oranges are good for her health.
c. she can let out the frustration that builds up during the year.
d. she meets her friends from the Morte team.

4 Reading II: Thanksgiving around the World **[4]**

Read "Thanksgiving around the World" on pages 24–27 of your English textbook. Then answer the following questions.

a. Who attended the first Thanksgiving feast in 1621? **[1]**

b. What is the food most connected with Chuseok, and how is it cooked? **[1]**

c. Why is the sauce for the turkey in Brazil not made from cranberries? **[1]**

d. Why are drumming and singing banned before Homowo? **[1]**

5 Reading III: an unseen diary entry **[5]**

Read the diary entry below and fill in the blanks with the correct words from the text.

A Night of Bhailo

Thursday night
Dear Diary,
Today was the third day of Tihar. In the morning, Aama and I put a garland of marigolds round our cow's neck and fed her rice and fresh grass. In the evening I painted a path of red mud and little footprints from the gate to the puja room, so that Laxmi, the goddess of wealth, could find her way in.
After dinner, eight girls from my class went out to play bhailo. We sang and danced at twelve houses and collected 6,450 rupees, all of it for new books for our school library. At the last house, an old grandmother gave us sel roti and told us that in her village, girls used to sing bhailo until dawn.
I can't wait for Bhai Tika the day after tomorrow, when I will put a seven-colored tika on my brother's forehead.
Sunita

a. Sunita and her mother fed their cow rice and ..... [1]

b. Sunita painted a path from the gate to the puja room so that ..... could find her way in. [1]

c. The girls sang and danced at ..... houses. [1]

d. The money the girls collected will buy ..... for their school library. [1]

e. Sunita will put a seven-colored tika on her brother's forehead on the ..... day of Tihar. [1]

6 Grammar: reported questions [2]

Choose the correct answer to complete each sentence.

i. "Do you sleep well?" the doctor asked me. The doctor asked me ..... well. [0.5]

a. if I slept **b.** did I sleep
c. that I slept **d.** if did I sleep

ii. "Have you finished the project?" the teacher asked us. The teacher wanted to know ..... the project. [0.5]

a. had we finished **b.** that we had finished
c. whether we had finished **d.** whether we have finished

iii. "Who took my umbrella?" said Grandfather. Grandfather asked ..... his umbrella. [0.5]

a. who had taken **b.** who had he taken
c. if who had taken **d.** who did take

iv. "Will you come to the jatra tomorrow?" Sabin asked me. Sabin asked me ..... to the jatra the next day. [0.5]

a. would I come **b.** if I will come
c. that I would come **d.** if I would come

7 Grammar: reported speech [6]

Change the following questions into indirect speech.

a. "Are you ready for the exam?" Father asked me. [1]

b. Sita said to Hari, "Why did you miss the bus this morning?" [1]

c. "What time does the museum open?" the tourist asked the guard. [1]

d. The head teacher said to us, “Have you seen the new library?” [1]

e. My sister asks, “How many oranges are thrown in Ivrea?” [1]

f. “Where will you celebrate Dashain this year?” Nima said to me. [1]

8 Writing: a news story [5]

Write a news story in about 100 words using the following clues. Give it a headline.

Bhaktapur, Baisakh 6 --- Bhaktapur Municipality cleans the city after Bisket Jatra --- 300 volunteers, students of local schools and youth clubs --- Taumadhi and Tachupal squares and the chariot routes --- 12 tons of waste collected, plastic sorted for recycling --- officials thank volunteers, ask visitors to use the bins next year

9 Think about it [2]

Answer the following question in two or three sentences.

In “Battle of the Oranges”, some throwers end up with black eyes and broken noses every year. Should such a festival be allowed to go on? Give two reasons for your answer.