

unit 7

Special DAYS

B12

1

Listen and read. Then sing.



Special Days Are Fun!



This Friday is a special day—
The last day of the year.
We're going to stay up very late.
At midnight we're going to cheer!

*Special days are cool. Special days are fun.
Special days bring special treats for everyone!*

Every January first,
We celebrate and say,
“Happy New Year!” to everyone
Because it's New Year's Day.

(Chorus)

There are lots of special days,
And each one is a treat.
We have parades and fireworks
And delicious food to eat.



Listen and say.



my birthday



my parents' anniversary



New Year's Eve / Day



Valentine's Day



Independence Day



Earth Day



Listen. Then tell a partner how you celebrate special days with your family.



give / get
a card



give / get
presents



have a party



watch a parade



watch fireworks



eat special
foods

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**THINK
BIG**

Answer the questions with a partner.

1. What other special days can you name?
2. What are your favorite special days? Why?
3. What other things do you do on special days?

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Listen and read.

The Anniversary Party



1 Gwen's parents' wedding anniversary is on the tenth.



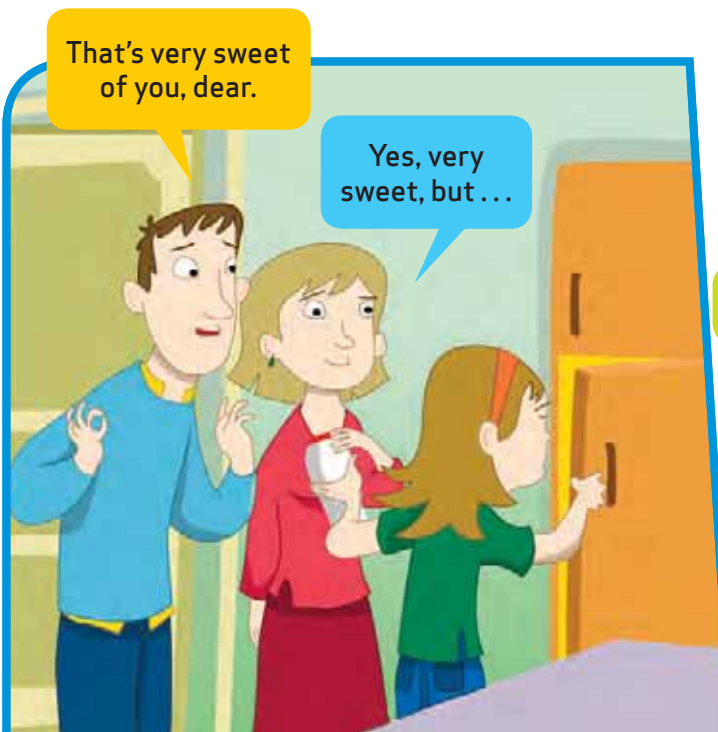
2 Gwen wants to help her parents celebrate their anniversary.



3 She and her parents are going to go out for a special dinner.



4 Gwen planned a little party after the dinner.



5 Gwen's parents like the plans, but there's a little problem.



6 Gwen got the day right, but the month wrong!

READING COMPREHENSION

6 Circle *T* for *true* and *F* for *false*.

1. In the story, the next day is June tenth.
2. Gwen is making a cake for her parents.
3. Gwen is right about the day but wrong about the month.
4. Gwen's parents' anniversary is on June tenth.

True False

T	F
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7 **THINK BIG** Ask and answer these questions with a partner.

1. How do you think Gwen feels at the end of the story?
2. What do you think Gwen's parents are going to say next?
3. What is your favorite thing about celebrating special days such as birthdays or anniversaries?

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Listen and read. Say.

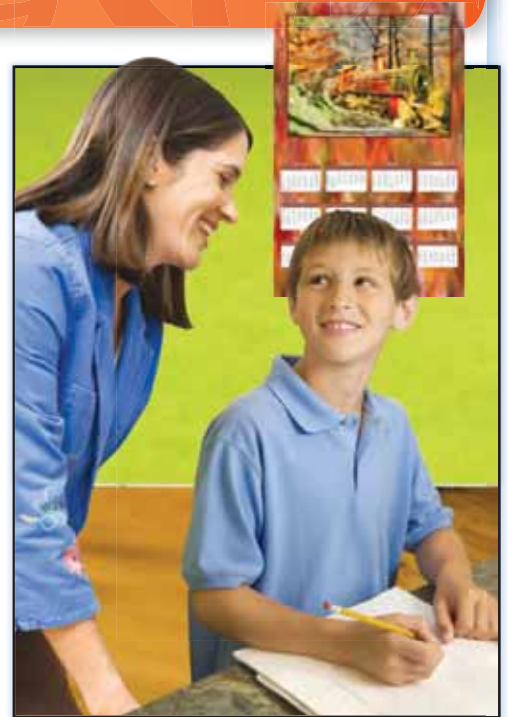
Calvin: When are we going to go to Grandma and Grandpa's house?

Mom: On the thirteenth.

Calvin: This Saturday? Are we going to have a big party for Grandma's birthday?

Mom: Yes, on Sunday. I can't believe it. She's going to be 70 years old! Don't forget to get a card for her.

Calvin: Don't worry. I'm making one for her now.



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Practice the dialogue in 8 with a partner.

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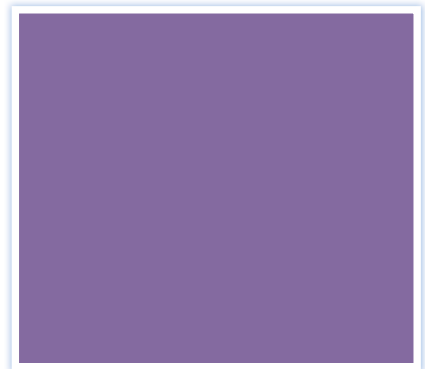
Listen and stick. Label the pictures with the name of the special day.

anniversary
Earth Day
New Year's Eve
Valentine's Day

1.



2.



3.



4.



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THINK BIG

Work with a partner. Act out some of the things you do on special days. Ask your partner to guess.

When are	you	going to have the party?	I	am going to have it on Monday.
	they		We They	are going to have it on Monday.
When is	he / she	going to visit Grandma?	He / She	is going to visit her next month.

12 Write the responses using the words in parentheses.

- When are we going to have our test? (*Monday*)

- When is she going to visit her cousins? (*next week*)

- When are they going to have a concert? (*this Friday*)

Are you/they going to visit Grandma on the ninth ?	Yes, on the ninth .
Is he/she going to visit Grandma on the fifth ?	No, on the ninth .



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13 Listen and read. Say the ordinal numbers.

1st first	2nd second	3rd third	4th fourth		
5th fifth	6th sixth	7th seventh	8th eighth	9th ninth	10th tenth
11th eleventh	12th twelfth	13th thirteenth	14th fourteenth	15th fifteenth	16th sixteenth
17th seventeenth	18th eighteenth	19th nineteenth	20th twentieth	21st twenty-first	30th thirtieth

14 Complete the sentences with true answers.

- Today is the _____.
- Tomorrow is the _____.
- Yesterday was the _____.
- Next Monday is the _____.

15 Work with a partner and talk about people you are going to visit.

CONTENT WORDS

calendar celebrate divided extra leap million



Listen and read.

Leap Year

How Long Is a Year? Most people say a year is 365 days. It takes about 365 days for Earth to travel around the sun. However, it actually takes a little longer for Earth to go around the sun. In fact, it takes 365 days, 5 hours, 49 minutes, and 12 seconds.

If a calendar has only 365 days, what happens to the extra 5 hours, 49 minutes, and 12 seconds? The answer is this: Every four years, we add a day to the calendar. It's February 29, and it's called *leap day*. This kind of year is called a *leap year*. A leap year has 366 days.

Leap-Day Babies People who are born on February 29 are called *leap-day babies*, or *leapers*. There are about four million leapers in the world. When do they celebrate their birthday? Do they celebrate only once every four years? Some leapers celebrate it on February 28, and others celebrate it on March 1. Think about it: A twelve-year-old leaper may have celebrated only three birthdays on the actual day he or she was born!

Which Years Are Leap Years? Years that can be divided evenly by four are leap years. The year 2000 was a leap year. Then 2004, 2008, and 2012 were the next leap years. If you know a leaper, make sure you say, "Happy birthday!" Your chance to do that comes only once every four years!

17 Circle the leap years.

1996 1994
 2002 2018 2012
 2020



B21

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Listen and read.

Unusual Festivals

The world is full of strange and interesting festivals. Here are just a few of the most unusual festivals in the world.



Holi—The Festival of Colors

This festival takes place every year in India, Nepal, and many other parts of the world in the spring. Holi lasts for many days. During Holi, people throw colored powder and water at each other. Holi is a festival to celebrate the end of winter and the arrival of spring. It is one of the most colorful festivals in the world.



Tomatina—The Tomato Festival

Every year, on the last Wednesday of August, there is an interesting festival in Buñol, Spain. People come from all over the world for a big food fight. Tomatina is the festival of throwing tomatoes! All over the city, people run through the streets throwing red tomatoes at each other. It is a really messy festival, but everyone has a good time.



The Monkey Buffet

On the last weekend in November, the people of Lopburi, Thailand, invite some unusual guests to dinner. Hundreds of monkeys live near the town. Once every year, the monkeys are invited to a feast. The monkeys feast on fruit, nuts, and vegetables. People from all over the world come to watch the monkeys eat.

Qoyllurit'i—Festival of the Snows

One of the strangest and coldest festivals on Earth takes place every May on a glacier in Peru. Each year about 30,000 people go to the festival known as Qoyllurit'i. For three days and nights people celebrate with music and dancing on top of the glacier. At the end of the festival, everyone walks out together carrying torches of fire.

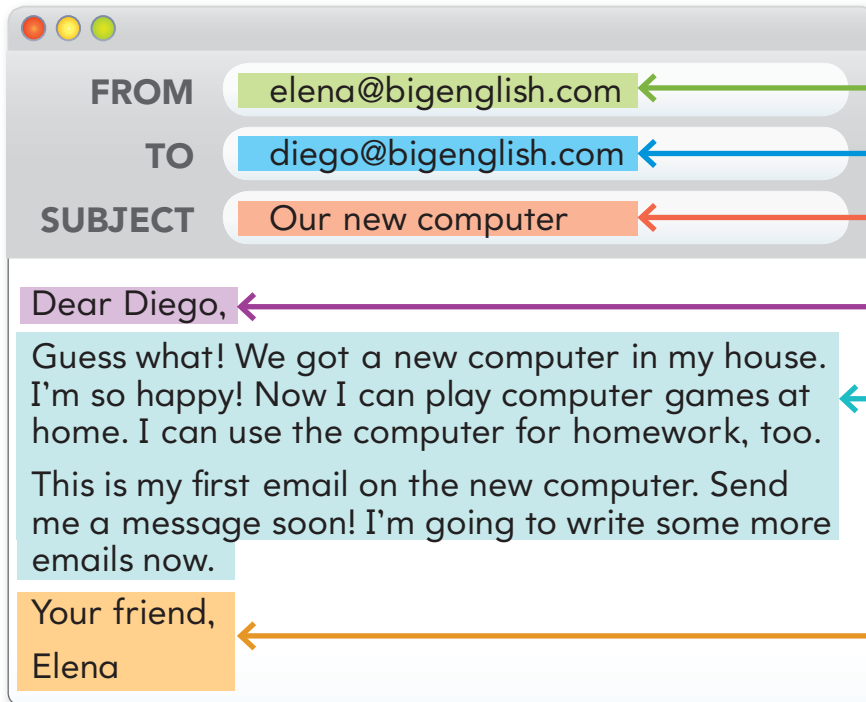
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**THINK
BIG**

Discuss these questions with a classmate.

1. Which of these festivals would you like to see? Why?
2. Do you know of any other unusual festivals? Explain.

20 Take a look at the parts of an email:



The email address of the sender

The email address of the receiver

What your email is about

The *greeting* starts the message.

The *body* is the main part of the message.

The *closing* and the *signature* end the message.

21 Write a reply to the email in 20.

The image shows a blank email window with the following fields:

- FROM:** [Empty text box]
- TO:** [Empty text box]
- SUBJECT:** [Empty text box]
- Body:** [Large empty text area for writing the message]

22 Write a definition for the word *tradition*.

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23 Look and listen. Number the traditions in order.



24 Talk about some of your family traditions.



Does your family have a special tradition for New Year's Day?

Yes. We always eat noodles on New Year's Day!



PROJECT

25 Make a **Traditions Around the World** poster. Display your posters in the hallways of your school.



26 Play the *Holiday Plans* game.

Sit in a circle. Choose one holiday with the class.

Student A says what he/she is going to do.

On New Year's Day, I'm going to watch a parade.

On New Year's Day, Alicia is going to watch a parade, and I'm going to sleep until noon.

Student B talks about **Student A**, and then adds one activity.

On New Year's Day, Alicia is going to watch a parade, Ricardo is going to sleep late, and I'm going to visit my grandparents.

Continue around the group. Each student has to use a different activity.

Try to continue with the whole class!

27 Complete the dialogue.

Mom: It's your dad's birthday this month.

Mike: Is it _____ the twenty-seventh?

Mom: No, it's _____ the twenty-second.

Mike: What _____ we going to do for him?

Mom: We're _____ to have a little party.

Mike: _____ we going to go out?

Mom: No, we're going _____ have the party at home. Aunt Heather and Uncle Troy _____ going to come over, and I _____ going to make a special dinner for all of us.

Mike: That sounds like fun.

am on on
are are are
to going

28 Label the pictures.



Earth Day
Independence Day
New Year's Eve
Valentine's Day

1. _____

2. _____



3. _____

4. _____

29 Find out more. Research and answer the questions about one of the holidays in 28.

1. When do people celebrate this day?

2. What do people do on this day?

I Can



talk about different kinds of special days and traditions.



talk about dates.