

D. Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

participate thrilling familiar definitely century worldwide

1. Football is a popular sport which was invented in the late 19th _____.
2. Doing bungee jumping is a _____ experience.
3. Are you _____ with these famous footballers?
4. Those who want to _____ in the competition should fill in these forms.
5. I can't believe Mary isn't coming to the party. She said she would _____ come!
6. Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo are both football players with _____ fame.

E. Discuss the following:

- ▶ In your opinion, why is football so popular?
- ▶ Would you like to be a professional athlete? Why/Why not?



CULTURE TIME 2

Family traditions and celebrations

in the UK and Ukraine

Warm-up

Discuss the following:

- ▶ How do you celebrate Easter and New Year at home?
- ▶ What's your favourite custom? Why?

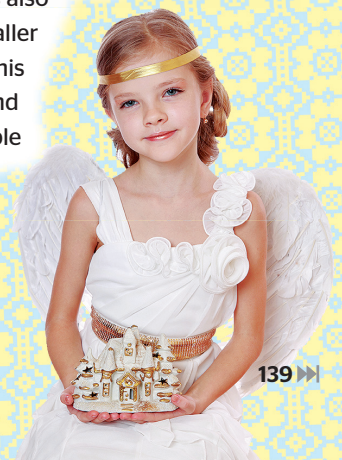
A. Read the text below about family traditions and celebrations in Ukraine and compare the information in it with your answers in the warm-up section.

Celebrating Easter in Ukraine

Most people in Ukraine are Orthodox Christians. Traditionally, they fast before Easter and don't eat meat or any other dairy product. In the evening before Easter Sunday, people go to church and take beautiful baskets filled with food. Easter church service begins at midnight and the priest begins by blessing all the food and the people. After the service is over, people go home to have Easter breakfast. For 40 days after Easter, when people see each other, one says the words 'Christ has risen!' and the other says 'He has indeed risen!' People also visit each other's homes and play Easter games. The most famous is 'knocking', when people knock their Easter eggs against each other's. If your egg doesn't crack, you are the winner.

New Year Celebrations in Ukraine

New Year is about new beginnings, gifts and wishes for the coming year. In Ukraine, people celebrate New Year on the 31st of December. Many people go to parties with their friends or family, and most of these parties last all night. At midnight, everyone watches the clock and cheers as the New Year arrives. Many Ukrainians also believe that the first thing you do in the new year sets the tone for the whole year, so they try to start with something positive! In the morning on the 1st of January, people usually visit their grandparents and other relatives. The 13th of January, or 'Old New Year', is also part of New Year celebrations. It is a smaller celebration with ancient traditions. On this day, children wear different costumes and masks and sing holiday songs, and people give them gifts.



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B. What do you know about the way people celebrate Easter and New Year in the UK? Read the text below and find out more.

Celebrating Easter in the UK

The Christian tradition of Easter is celebrated in the UK as in so many other Christian countries. The date on which Easter is celebrated varies and people in the UK, who follow the Gregorian calendar, celebrate Easter on a Sunday between 22 March and 25 April. At Easter time in the UK, there are two public holidays, Good Friday and Easter Monday. On Good Friday, hot cross buns are traditionally eaten for breakfast. On top of them there is the shape of the cross which serves as a reminder of Jesus dying for the sins of humanity. On Holy Saturday, churches hold services and on Easter Sunday some churches organise what is called a Sunrise Service which is a gathering on a hillside to see the sunrise. A traditional game which is played on Easter Sunday is the Easter egg hunt (hiding small chocolate eggs for the children to find). Boiled eggs, roasted lamb and custard tarts are associated with Easter food.

New Year Celebrations in the UK

Depending on which part of the UK a person lives in, New Year celebrations vary. A tradition in England is to open the back door of your house to show the old year out and welcome the New Year in. In Scotland, people ask a dark-haired man to enter the house bringing along some salt, coal and bread which are meant to resemble money, warmth and enough food to eat during the year. This tradition is called first footing. Also, the first person to enter a residence is supposed to affect the luck of everyone who lives there throughout the year. In Wales, on New Year's Day, which is also known as 'Dydd Calan', the children get up early to visit their neighbours and sing songs and as a treat they receive coins or sweets.



C. Read the texts again and write T for True or F for False.

1. Some people in Ukraine celebrate New Year twice a year.
2. In Ukraine, people don't eat meat on Easter Sunday.
3. In the UK there are two dates when people don't work during Easter.
4. In the UK, on New Year's Day, it is part of tradition to expect visitors.
5. In Scotland and in Wales, it is part of tradition for visitors to bring along some goods on New Year's Day.
6. Both the UK and Ukraine have an egg competition as part of their Easter tradition.

D. Discuss the following:

- ▶ Do you follow any of the customs and traditions mentioned in the texts?
- ▶ Can you remember a memorable New Year celebration?

Cinema & theatre

Warm-up

Discuss the following:

- ▶ Do you prefer going to the cinema or the theatre? Why?
- ▶ Who's your favourite actor/actress? In which films has he or she starred?

A. Read the text and decide which of the following are mentioned.

1. Cinema in the old days
2. Successful films throughout the history of cinema
3. Famous thriller directors
4. Famous Hollywood actors
5. Famous film stars from Ukraine
6. Theatre in Ukraine
7. Popular films in Ukraine



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Cinema and theatre have been popular forms of entertainment for people for many years. The Frenchman Louis Lumiere made the first film in 1895 and it lasted one minute. The first moving picture was made as an experiment to see how a horse's legs moved while running. Lumiere's films were very different from the films we watch today. They included a train arriving at a station, factory workers leaving the factory gates and people enjoying a picnic beside a river. Early films were silent and black and white.

Over the years, different genres of film have become popular. One of these genres is thrillers, which are especially popular with teenagers. A famous director, Steven Spielberg, became famous with the 1975 thriller *Jaws*. He later made *Jurassic Park* which changed the way visual effects were used. Animated films became popular too. *Toy Story* was the first full-length film that was made using only computer graphics. Films have now become big business. *Spiderman* was the first film to make over 100 million dollars in its opening weekend! Nowadays, there is such a wide variety of film genres available such as action,

adventure, comedy, romantic, science-fiction, mystery, thriller, historical and animation.

Ukraine has a long history of theatre and cinema productions. Comedies are the most popular genre of theatre in Ukraine. The Puppet Theatre in Ukraine is very popular with both adults and children. It is one of the best theatres in Ukraine. The National Academic Theatre of Opera and Ballet is the oldest musical theatre in Ukraine. It has a rich history and has won many awards at festivals.

There are many successful actors and actresses from Ukraine. Irma Vitovska is a talented theatre and film actress who began acting in her twenties, appearing in many local Ukrainian films and TV shows. She impressed audiences in the film *My Thoughts Are Silent* and won the award for Best Acting Performance at the Odesa International Film Festival. Taissa Farmiga was born in the United States, but is the daughter of Ukrainian immigrants. She started acting in her teens and soon appeared in the popular American television series *American Horror Story* and *The Gilded Age*. Since then, she has starred in many Hollywood movies.

CULTURE TIME 3

B. Read the text again and match the parts of the sentences.

1. Spiderman was the first film
2. Taissa Farmiga
3. The Puppet Theatre in Ukraine
4. *Toy Story* was the first full-length film
5. The first film
6. The director Steven Spielberg
7. Irma Vytovska
8. Comedies are the most popular

- a. to use only computer graphics.
- b. became famous with the film *Jaws*.
- c. lasted one minute.
- d. to make 100 million dollars in the first weekend.
- e. is a famous actress from a Ukrainian family.
- f. is popular with adults and children.
- g. won a Ukrainian award for acting.
- h. genre of theatre in Ukraine.



C. Read what the people below are saying and talk in pairs. Say if you agree or disagree and what kind of films you enjoy and why. You could use some of the words in the box.

exciting scary funny interesting moving



Animated films aren't as interesting as adventure films. I prefer watching real actors in films.



I think animated films are great! Both adults and children enjoy them because they are really fun to watch.



I prefer romantic films because I really like a good story and a happy end.



Adventure films are my favourite. I enjoy a story with a hero and watching what happens to him or her.

(Thrillers) are more exciting than (romantic) films.
(They) aren't as exciting as...

