

# BRIDGE



## USEFUL PHRASES

### Festivals around the world

New Year's Day / Epiphany, Christmas, Orthodox Christmas / Chinese New Year, Lunar New Year / Groundhog Day / Valentine's Day / International Women's Day / Saint Patrick's Day / Holi / Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Day, Mardi Gras / Ash Wednesday / Lent / April Fool's Day / Anzac Day / Maundy Thursday / Good Friday / Holy Saturday / Easter Sunday / Easter bank holiday, bank holiday Monday / Passover, Pesach / Earth Day / May Day / Cinco de Mayo / Independence Day, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July / Ramadan / Eid al-Fitr / Yom Kippur / Diwali / All-Hallows' Eve, Halloween / Samhain / All-Saints' Day, All-Hallows' Day / Dia de los Muertos, the Day of the Dead / Guy Fawkes' Night, Bonfire Night / Thanksgiving / Advent / Saint Nicholas' Day / Christmas Eve / Christmas Day / Boxing Day, Saint Stephen's Day / Kwanzaa / New Year's Eve

### Festival traditions in English-speaking countries

a firework display / singing "Auld Lang Syne" / the sales / fasting / an egg roll / an egg hunt / hot cross buns / Maypole dancing / wearing green / wearing shamrocks / a carnival / a parade / trick-or-treating / jack-o'-lanterns / burning a Guy / the pardoning of the turkey / Friendsgiving (Thanksgiving with friends instead of family) / a stuffed turkey / the Macy's parade / Christmas lights / Santa parades / a Santa's grotto (a place where children can "meet Santa") / nativity scenes / midnight mass / hanging a stocking / Christmas crackers

### Other traditions, old and new

a tailgate party (social event held around the open rear door of a vehicle) / a graduation ball, grad ball / a graduation party / a yearbook / Morris dancing (English folk dance) / the piping of the haggis (playing bagpipes while bringing in a haggis, a Burns Night tradition) / a stag night, stag do / a hen party / a baby shower / Black Friday / Cyber Monday (the Monday after Black Friday, when there are big online sales)

### PAIR DISCUSSION

Imagine you meet someone who practises a different religion from you, or someone from a different country. You compare holiday traditions. What are the similarities and differences between your traditions?

### PERSONAL QUESTIONS

- What is your favourite holiday or festival? Why?
- Which holidays / traditions from other countries would you like to adopt and why?
- What traditions that you know are disappearing / have disappeared?
- Can you describe your ideal celebration of a holiday of your choice?

### PICTURE PROMPTS

Look at the pictures on the other side of the card. Choose one and describe it.

Now compare and contrast the two pictures. Talk about the situations you see and the ways in which they are similar to and different from each other.