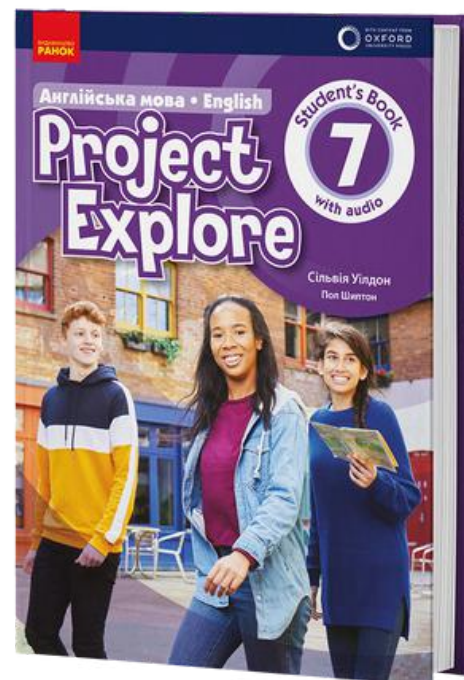


Topics for discussion: holidays and traditions of English-speaking countries



Thanksgiving (USA)

- **Discussion Questions**

- What is the history of Thanksgiving? Why is it celebrated?
- What do families in the USA traditionally eat during Thanksgiving?
- Why do you think Thanksgiving is so important in American culture?
- If you were to celebrate Thanksgiving, what would you give thanks for?
- How does Thanksgiving compare to family holidays in your country?



Christmas Traditions (UK and USA)

- **Discussion Questions**
- What are the most common Christmas traditions in English-speaking countries?
- How does Christmas in the UK differ from Christmas in the USA?
- What is Boxing Day, and how do people celebrate it in the UK?
- Do you think gift-giving is an important part of Christmas? Why or why not?
- Compare Christmas celebrations in English-speaking countries to those in your country.



Halloween

- **Discussion Questions**

- What is the origin of Halloween? How did it start?
- What activities do people do on Halloween (e.g., trick-or-treating, pumpkin carving)?
- Why do people wear costumes on Halloween?
- Do you think Halloween should be celebrated worldwide? Why or why not?
- Is there a similar holiday in your country? If yes, how do they compare?



St. Patrick's Day (Ireland)

• Discussion Questions

- Who was St. Patrick, and why is he celebrated?
- Why is the color green associated with St. Patrick's Day?
- What are some popular symbols of St. Patrick's Day (e.g., shamrocks, leprechauns)?
- How do people celebrate St. Patrick's Day in Ireland and other countries?
- How do you celebrate cultural or religious figures in your country?



New Year's Traditions (Hogmanay in Scotland)

- **Discussion Questions**

- What makes Hogmanay in Scotland unique?
- Why is "first-footing" an important tradition during Hogmanay?
- Compare Scottish New Year traditions to how New Year's Eve is celebrated in your country.
- What are some common New Year's resolutions people make?
- Do you think celebrating the New Year is more about fun or reflection?



Valentine's Day

- **Discussion Questions**

- What is the origin of Valentine's Day?
- How do people in English-speaking countries celebrate this day?
- Do you think Valentine's Day is too commercialized? Why or why not?
- Is Valentine's Day celebrated in your country? If yes, how is it similar or different?
- Do you think it's important to have a special day for expressing love and appreciation?



Cultural Comparisons

- **General Questions**
- Which holiday from an English-speaking country do you find the most interesting? Why?
- Are there any holidays in English-speaking countries that you would like to celebrate?
- What holidays in your country are similar to those in English-speaking countries?
- Do you think learning about other countries' traditions helps us understand their culture? Why?
- If you could create a new international holiday, what would it celebrate?

