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The Holiday Surprise

by Anita N. Amin

One morning, Sammy got a phone call from his friend Raj.

“Come over for Holi,” Raj said. “It’s a holiday from India.

Make sure you wear old clothes.”

“Old clothes? Why?” Sammy asked. Sammy knew nothing about Holi.





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see any eggs.

“No, not eggs.” Raj walked outside.

Sammy followed. “Will we paint our shirts? Is that why we had to wear old clothes?”

“Not quite,” Raj said.

They stopped at the park. People were throwing colored water at each other. Red, orange, yellow water – every color of the rainbow splashed across the air.

“Surprise!” Raj said. “We’re going to paint each other!”

Sammy laughed. “Now, I have a surprise for you.” He splashed Raj with the blue water.

“Got you first!”

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1. According to the story, what is Holi?
 - a. a holiday from Egypt
 - b. a holiday from Holland
 - c. a holiday from Iran
 - d. a holiday from India

2. What did Raj tell him to wear?
 - a. old clothes
 - b. a holiday outfit
 - c. a red shirt
 - d. his favorite clothes

3.



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4. Sammy tried to guess what he a Raj were going to do. What were two of Sammy's guesses?

5. In the end of the story what did Sammy and Raj do at the park?

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Fill in the missing letters to create words from the story.
Then write the full word on the line. Be sure to spell
each word correctly.

1. ___ nd ___ a

hint: a country in Asia

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2. _____



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3. _____

4. _____

hint: a special day of the year

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5. cl ___ t ___ ___ s

hint: you wear these

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6. ___ ___ la ___ h ___ d

hint: moved or pushed water

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In the story, "The Holiday Surprise," Sammy celebrated an Indian holiday called Holi, with his friend Raj.



Do you have any traditions that you celebrate with?
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Handwriting practice lines consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed middle line. There are ten sets of these lines provided for writing.

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