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Holidays

A holiday is a special day to remember special people or special events in history. The word holiday is a combination of two words: holy and day. At one time, most holidays celebrated religion. Today, holidays celebrate more than religion. Some holidays are even for nature or animals! Earth Day, for example, is a holiday when we think about how to take care of our planet, Earth.

Every month (with the exception of August) has a major holiday. On some holidays children do not have to go to school and adults do not have to go to work. Christmas and Thanksgiving are examples of holidays when most people do not have to go to



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together. Sometimes people wear special clothes and eat special food. For instance, on St. Patrick's Day, green is the color of choice used to celebrate! People may eat green food, or treats shaped like a shamrock, a clover plant that is a symbol of Ireland.



People also celebrate some holidays with parades. There are large parades in many cities and towns. One of the largest holiday parades in America is the Macy's Parade in New York City. It is held every year on Thanksgiving Day, to celebrate both Thanksgiving and Christmas.

A holiday is a special time. Think of your favorite holiday. How will you celebrate it this year?

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1. What is a holiday?

2. What types of things are celebrated on holidays?

3. In which month are there no major holidays?



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7. How do people celebrate holidays?

8. When is the Macy's Parade?

9. What is your favorite holiday and why?
