

Food around the world

Aim

This lesson looks at the food that people eat around the world at special celebrations. Students read texts, and then write about the food they eat at New Year, weddings, and birthdays.

Warmer

Elicit the words *New Year*, *wedding*, and *birthday* from the students by drawing pictures on the board. Here are some ideas:

New Year – bottle of champagne, fireworks, or something else that symbolizes New Year in your country.

Wedding – bride and groom, rings.

Birthday – birthday cake, gift.

Elicit the English word for the pictures you draw too, to expand your students' vocabulary.

1 Reading

- Tell students they are going to read three short texts about foods that are eaten at the above celebrations in different countries.
- Students read the texts.
- Students then say if they eat any of the foods mentioned in the texts, such as seaweed, grapes, doughnuts, etc.

2 Comprehension

- Students read the sentences and circle the correct words.

Answers

1 even

2 bad

3 twelve (*Although the text says they often don't manage to eat all the grapes, they have to try to eat them before midnight.*)

4 for

5 came

6 closed

Teacher's Notes

3 Vocabulary

- Students match the definitions with the words.
1 e 2 f 3 a 4 c 5 b 6 d

4 Writing

- Ask students to write a short piece about how people celebrate New Year, weddings, and birthdays in their country, and to describe what food they eat for these celebrations.

Websites

Here are some websites about foods eaten around the world at special celebrations.

www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/bhcv2/bhcarticles.nsf/pages/Food_and_celebrations

www.topics-mag.com/foods/special-foods/global-foods.htm