

# culture

## Food around the world – Teacher's Notes

### Aim

This lesson looks at the food that people eat around the world at special celebrations. Students read a text 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 symbolises New Year in your country.

Wedding – bride and groom, rings.

Birthday – birthday cake, present.

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

### 3 Vocabulary

- Students match the definitions to the words.

1	dish	plate of food which people share
2	seaweed	green sea plant
3	chime	the noise a clock makes to tell you what time it is
4	bride	the most important woman at a wedding
5	groom	the most important man at a wedding
6	midnight	12 o'clock at night

### 4 Writing

- Ask students to write a short piece about the foods they eat to celebrate New Year, weddings and birthdays.

### 1 Reading

- Tell students they are going to read a text about foods that are eaten at the above celebrations.

### 2 Comprehension

- Students answer the comprehension questions.

#### Answers

- In China people eat an **even** number of dishes of food.
- In China knives are **bad** luck.
- In Spain people eat twelve grapes **before** the clock strikes midnight. (Although the text says they often don't manage to eat all the grapes, they have to try to eat them before midnight.)
- In Italy sugared almonds are given **for** a baby at weddings.
- In the Middle Ages people **came** to your house to stop bad spirits.
- In Mexico children hit a paper animal with their eyes **closed**.

#### Websites

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

[http://www.foodnetwork.com/food/et\\_hd\\_chinese\\_new\\_year/article/0,1972,FOOD\\_9831\\_1745831,00.html](http://www.foodnetwork.com/food/et_hd_chinese_new_year/article/0,1972,FOOD_9831_1745831,00.html)

[http://www.foodtv.com/food/et\\_hd\\_passover/article/0,1972,FOOD\\_9843\\_3650755,00.html](http://www.foodtv.com/food/et_hd_passover/article/0,1972,FOOD_9843_3650755,00.html)

[http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/bhcv2/bhcarticles.nsf/pages/Food\\_and\\_celebrations?OpenDocument](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/bhcv2/bhcarticles.nsf/pages/Food_and_celebrations?OpenDocument)

<http://www.topics-mag.com/foods/special-foods/global-foods.htm>