

Discussion questions about festivals, celebrations and public holidays

Are there any examples in your country of special days which were originally made up by the marketing departments of companies, e.g. Grandparents Day? What do you think about that?

Do you think any other festivals or celebrations in your country are over-commercialised or have lost their original meaning?

What local festival in your area or country would be most interesting for a foreign guest, do you think?

What do you think about people who aren't Christian but celebrate Christmas anyway?

Do people nowadays tend to appreciate what public holidays are meant to celebrate, or do they just treat them like any other day off?

How can the government or festival organisers make them more relevant to and popular with young people?

How do you feel about attending festivals and celebrations that attract huge crowds?