

The NOTEBOOK
for English Control works

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PROGRESS CHECK 1

1. Listen and say True or False.

- 1) The British people believe the first guest to enter through the front door should be a young, dark-haired woman. _____
- 2) Bread, salt and coal as presents on New Year mean good luck in England. _____
- 3) In Japan Christmas is called Oshogatsu. _____
- 4) In Denmark neighbours break the dishes into pieces to show who has the most friends. _____
- 5) People in China don't like red colour because it brings unhappiness. _____
- 6) Puerto Ricans have a practice of throwing buckets of rubbish out of the window in order to do away with the bad luck of the last year. _____
- 7) Some South Africans clean their houses for New Year and throw old furniture and sometimes fridges from the windows of tall buildings. _____

2. Read and complete the text with phrases and sentences.

Montana
5 July

Dear all

(1) I miss you a lot. I'm having a wonderful time in America. My American family is very kind. Yesterday we celebrated Independence Day and (2) It was a holiday and we went to a rodeo. (3) We saw cowboys on horses and bulls. In the afternoon we watched TV.

(4) ... about the origin of Independence Day. On July 4, 1776 the thirteen colonies on the Atlantic coast got their (5) ... and America was born! It was very emotional. On TV they played the National Anthem and (6) ...

I thought the celebrations were over, but at about 9.00pm we (7) ... and saw a concert and a lot of fireworks! What a wonderful day! (8)

Love
Sanjar

- A There was a programme
- B went to the square
- C It was really exciting.
- D I hope you are well.

- E I look forward to seeing you all again soon.
- F sang it too!
- G we had a fantastic time.
- H independence from Great Britain

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3. Write the nouns or verbs.

- 1) compete – e.g. competition 5) _____ – celebration
 2) _____ – illumination 6) invite – _____
 3) declare – _____ 7) _____ – participation
 4) congratulate – _____ 8) _____ – instruction

4. Read and complete the sentences with the words.

juicy, decorations, programmes, happiness, called,
 organize, widely, decorate, decorated, books

Before New Year’s Day, in Uzbekistan, people prepare for the holiday. They put (1) _____ on a New Year tree at home; they also (2) _____ the streets and houses with colourful lights and balloons. The main heroes of the Uzbek New Year are Father Frost and Snow Girl, who are (3) _____ in Uzbekistan as Korbobo and Korkiz.

At midnight on December 31, when the clock strikes 12, the Uzbeks (4) _____ a party, the main dish of which is a watermelon. If the watermelon is sweet and (5) _____, then the whole year will be successful and happy. In addition to a watermelon on the Uzbek New Year’s table, there should be a lot of fruits: grapes, persimmons, apples, bananas and oranges.

Uzbekistan’s New Year is a really family holiday. At the table relatives and friends gather together, they talk about the good things of the old year and hope to have (6) _____ in the new year.


This great international holiday comes to every family and, of course, is celebrated in cities and round the whole country (7) _____ and cheerfully. The capital shines with colourful lights and it is (8) _____ with balloons and beautiful New Year trees.

Children have a lot of entertainment programmes in the circus, theatres, squares and parks. They can meet their popular heroes from favourite (9) _____ and cartoons.

Leisure activities for adults are interesting too. Cinemas, cafes, clubs and restaurants are full of people. Each entertainment place tries to differ from others with its unique show (10) _____ .

Number of correct answers: _____


Mark: _____ Teacher: _____

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