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LLSL14. American Holidays

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Section 1: Introduction

A ***holiday*** is a special day of celebration. It is often a day when most people don't have to work or go to school. In the United States, each American holiday honors a person or event that had a lasting influence on the country. Use the Section 1 website to help you learn about U.S. holidays.

American Holidays

American Holiday	Date	WHAT or HOW do we celebrate?
1. Veterans Day	November 11th	All America's veterans are honored
2. Thanksgiving Day		
3.		Children wear costumes and go trick-or-treating
4. Labor Day		
5.	February 14th	
6. Christmas Day		
7.	Last Monday in May	
8.		National independence
9. Martin Luther King Jr. Day		
10.	January 1st	

Section 2: Listening

Part 1. **Christmas** is one of the most popular holidays in the United States. Watch the Christmas video
Use the words below to complete the sentences and answer the questions.

stockings **Santa** **presents** **sleigh** **elf** **Christmas tree**

1. Paddington thinks the man on the roof is _____.
2. Paddington puts Alice's present under the _____.
3. What things does Paddington deliver with the man _____?
4. The small presents are put inside the _____.
5. Paddington says, "Let's take your _____!"
6. Paddington helps Santa, but he is a bear, not an _____.

Part 2. **Thanksgiving** is also a very popular holiday in the United States. Watch the Thanksgiving video

Listen carefully. Write answers in the blanks.

7. Thanksgiving is really all about the _____.
8. Thanksgiving started way back in the 1600s when the _____ came to America.
9. The star of the dinner is the _____.
10. _____ is the most popular side dish for Thanksgiving.
11. One of the best side dishes is _____ potatoes.
12. When the turkey comes out of the oven, that is when we make _____.
13. All of these dishes that we are making for Thanksgiving are _____.
14. This is the time when you _____ at the table with all the food.
15. The best part of dinner – _____!

Section 3a: Vocabulary Matching

Another popular American holiday is **Halloween**. Here are some vocabulary words you might hear people say during this holiday.

bats (n)	ghost (n)	pumpkin (n)
candy (n)	haunted (adj)	skeleton (n)
candle (n)	October (n)	treat (n)
costume (n)	orange (adj)	witch (n)
Halloween (n)		

Use the words above and write each word in the box under the picture it describes. The first one has been done for you. Use www.learnersdictionary.com to find words you don't know **and** to listen to the pronunciation.

1.
Ghost

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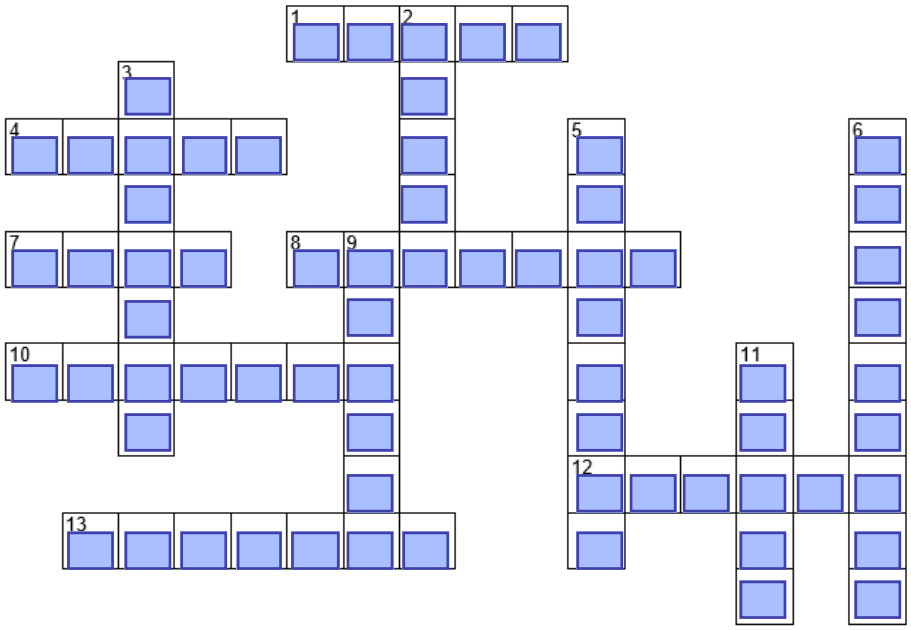
Section 3b: Crossword Puzzle

Complete the crossword puzzle by using the Halloween vocabulary words you learned in **Section 3a** and the clues below.



Across
1. She wears black and rides a broom
4. Spirit that says, "Boo!"
7. Small black animals that fly
8. Month Halloween is in
10. Cut this to make a jack-o-lantern
12. Popular Halloween color
13. Filled with ghosts

Down
2. "Trick or _____"
3. Special outfit worn on Halloween
5. Connected bones
6. Holiday on October 31
9. Light this and put it inside a jack-o-lantern
11. Children eat this sweet treat on Halloween

Section 4: Reading Practice

The final American holiday we will look at is the **Fourth of July**. Use the Section 3b website to help you learn about the Fourth of July. Read all 3 pages of the July 4th website. Then answer the items below.

1. July 4th is the US Independence Day.	☐ True	☐ False
2. Banks and post offices are open on July 4th.	☐ True	☐ False
3. George Washington wrote all of the Declaration of Independence.	☐ True	☐ False
4. There are fireworks on the Fourth of July.	☐ True	☐ False
5. Fireworks are illegal in some cities.	☐ True	☐ False

Section 5: Reflection

You have learned about some popular and important American holidays. Think about the following questions. Write down your ideas. Discuss your answers with the tutor.

1. The United States is a nation of immigrants. Each immigrant brings their cultures and holiday celebrations to their new country. Are there any holidays in your country that are similar to American holidays? Describe them.

2. What is your favorite American holiday? Why?

Section 6: What Did I Learn?

Complete this table BEFORE meeting with a tutor.

Communication Skill	I can't do this YET.	I can do this WITH help.	I can do this WITHOUT help.	I can TEACH this to a classmate.
I can find out information about American holidays. (Section 1)				
I can use common vocabulary for Christmas, Thanksgiving, Halloween and the Fourth of July holidays.				
I can explain the reasons for Christmas, Thanksgiving, Halloween and the Fourth of July.				

Here are some words/phrases I need to practice.

Good job!

Now go to the LLC Tutoring Website and make an appointment with a tutor.

Section 7: Practice with a tutor!

Meet with a tutor. Give this paper to the tutor. The tutor will review your work and talk with you.

Grading Rubric

Possible Points	Need Practice (0-1 Point)	Good Job (2-3 Points)	Excellent Work (4-5 Points)
Content	More than 4 errors ☐	3-4 errors ☐	0-2 errors ☐
Skill: Speaking Correctly	More than 4 errors ☐	3-4 errors ☐	0-2 errors ☐
Oral Fluency: Speaking long and smooth	Missing more than 4 words ☐	Misses 1-3 words ☐	0 words missing. ☐

***Students must receive at least 10 points to move on** **Possible Points: ☐ / 15**

Tutor Comments:

☐ **Congratulations! Keep going.**
You are successful! Choose another SDLA.

☐ **Work on this more.**
Not finished or needs more practice. Try this again.

Tutor Signature: ☐ Date: ☐