

Class: VI-VIII

Bangladeshi Holidays- Celebrations and Values

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Hello friends, the new year is here again with all its holidays. Let us know about them.

A.



Holiday Calendar

Rana wrote a letter to his cousin Robin who lives in England.
Read the letter and work out the exercise.

Dear Robin,

Hope you are fine. In your last letter you expressed your interest to come to Bangladesh on a holiday to celebrate a festival with us. For your information, we have a number of holidays and we celebrate them with great pleasure and joy. Holidays reflect our history, culture and tradition, and they show the warmth, heartiness and liveliness of our people. In Bangladesh we observe some religious, cultural, national, historical and international holidays. All these holidays are unique and significant.

See the calendar below and decide when you will come. Waiting to see you among us.

Thank you
Rana

Now, help Rana make a calendar so that Robin gets a clear picture of our various holidays with some important details. Fill out the following calendar with appropriate information. One is done for you.

Month	Date	Name of the Holiday	Category	Things we do on the day
February	21 st February	International Mother Language Day	International	We bring out procession. We offer flowers to show respect to our language martyrs.
March				
April				
May				
December				



C.

Description of Boishakhi Mela

"Pohela Boishakh" is our Bengali new year. This is a time for family and friends to celebrate together. How do we celebrate?

Complete the following sentences to describe a "Boishakhi Mela" which you remember. Use your five senses: What did you see, hear, smell, taste and feel?

I saw
I heard
I smelled
I tasted
I felt

E.

How to make "Panta-Ilish"



We are always very excited about Pahela Boishakh. Everyone loves to have "Panta-Ilish" on this day. Can you put appropriate linking words to organize the whole recipe in a proper order?

Linking Words: Next, After that, First, When, Finally

First, take some cooked rice in a big dish. _____, pour some water into the dish. _____, take some pieces of Hilsa fish and add salt and spices in it. _____, take oil in a pan and fry it until it is brown. _____ the fish is ready, take some rice and a piece of Hilsa fish in a plate. _____, serve it with onion and chilli.

Learning Objectives:

Sentence construction, Descriptive writing, Linking words, Vocabulary, Critical thinking

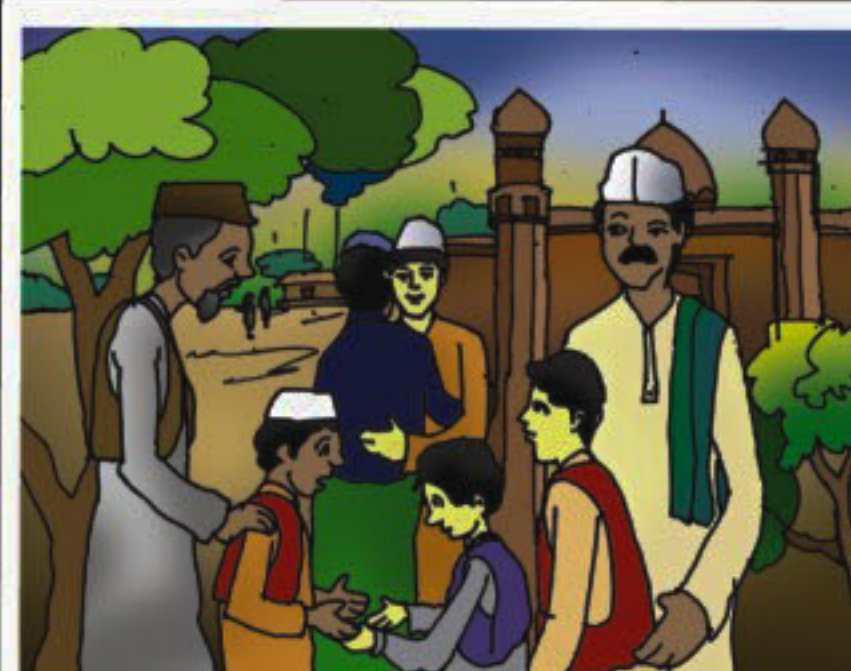
B.



Holiday Celebration



The following pictures show different festivals. Write the appropriate names of festivals underneath the pictures. Write answers to the given questions. The first one is done for you.



Eid

1. Which food do we have?

Ans: We usually have "shemai", "polao", and meat.

2. Which specific activity do we do in the morning?

Ans:

3. What is the special song?

Ans:



1. What is the Bangla name for Christmas Day?

Ans:

2. Which specific thing do we decorate for Christmas?

Ans:

3. Which food do we have?

Ans:



1. What kinds of food we usually have on this day?

Ans:

2. Which special activity do we do on the last day?

Ans:

3. What kinds of things we usually do?

Ans:

D. Spelling Bee

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celebration
festival
independence
sacrifice
achive

martyr
celebrasion
festeval
independence
seccrifice
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martir
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achieve

Look at the words . You will find six words which are correctly spelt. Circle them. One is done for you.

F.

Holiday Significance

Do you know why our various holidays are observed? The dates of special holidays are given below. Complete the sentences to tell the reasons of observing them.

- 16th December is our Victory Day. It is celebrated because *we achieved our independence on this day.*
- 21st February is International Mother Language Day. It is observed because
- 1st May is International Labour Day. It is observed because
- 25th December is Christmas Day. It is celebrated because
- 14th April (1st Boishakh) is called "Pohela Boishakh". It is celebrated because

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