

## 6.Special Days

Which day is the most important to you each year? Is it your birthday? Perhaps the birthday of someone you love? Or an anniversary? Many people have their own special days and want to celebrate them in some distinctive way. The celebration may be a special meal or dining out, or a gift, perhaps a trip. Maybe even a greeting card is enough to mark the occasion. But the point is that the day symbolizes some important event, and that it's importance is recognized by other significant people as well.

Traditional holidays are also important, but they have group significance instead of a personal meaning. Usually some religious or national figure is commemorated. These occasions may be marked by community celebrations, or especially by family get-togethers. As families become more fragmented and scattered, these holidays may be ever-more important, since they provide a chance for people to share their lives with each other again.

### **Comprehension**

1. Does the celebration of special occasions always have to be expensive?
2. How many ways to celebrate them are mentioned? What are they?
3. Do public holidays have the same purpose as private ones?

### **Your opinion**

1. How do you celebrate *New Year's Day*?
2. Did you make any *New Year's resolutions*" this year? What were they?  
Were you able to keep them?
3. How do you celebrate your birthday?
4. How do you celebrate your wedding anniversary?
5. What do you think would be the perfect gift for a wedding anniversary?
6. What do you want to do for your next birthday?
7. What do you like to receive on your special day?





8. Do you think cash is an appropriate gift?
9. Do you think it's okay to throw a luxurious party in an expensive restaurant for your child's birthday?
10. What do you usually prepare for your child's birthday?
11. How do you celebrate your parents' birthdays? And what do you prepare for their gifts?
12. What if your spouse forgot your birthday or wedding anniversary?

