

Family Holidays and Traditions

Grade 2 • SOCIAL-STUDIES • Students compare ways different families may celebrate holidays and traditions while recognizing that families can celebrate differently. • Standards: D2.Geo.6.K-2

Read about how different families celebrate. Answer each question to show what you learned about family traditions.

1. Maya's family lights candles for their winter holiday. Ben's family hangs lights on their house. Are both families celebrating in their own special way?
2. The Lee family eats special rice cakes for their New Year celebration. The Garcia family eats special soup for their New Year celebration. Do both families have special foods for New Year?
3. Jamal's family sings songs together on Friday nights. Is this a family tradition?
4. Sara's family celebrates a spring holiday by planting flowers. Tom's family celebrates a spring holiday by coloring eggs. What is one way these celebrations are the SAME?
5. The Patel family wears new clothes for their celebration. The Kim family also wears new clothes for their celebration. These families celebrate different holidays. Can two different holidays both include wearing new clothes?
6. Emma's family has a big dinner with grandparents every Sunday. Is having dinner together on the same day each week a tradition?
7. Three families live on the same street. One family celebrates a holiday in December. One family celebrates a holiday in November. One family does not celebrate any holidays in winter. Is it okay for families to celebrate at different times of the year?
8. The Chen family celebrates by giving red envelopes with money. The Brown family celebrates by giving wrapped gifts. What is one way these traditions are DIFFERENT?

9. Liam's family celebrates a harvest holiday by sharing food with neighbors. Why might some families celebrate harvest holidays while other families do not?

10. Rosa's family celebrates three different holidays during the year. Her friend Noah's family celebrates five different holidays during the year. Her friend Aisha's family celebrates one holiday during the year. What can we learn from knowing that these families celebrate different numbers of holidays?

Answer Key — Family Holidays and Traditions

For the teacher / parent. Do not distribute with the worksheet.

1. Yes *(Both families are celebrating, just in different ways.)*
2. Yes *(Both families eat special foods, though the foods are different.)*
3. Yes *(A tradition is something a family does regularly together.)*
4. They both happen in spring *(Both celebrations take place during the spring season.)*
5. Yes *(Different holidays can share similar traditions like wearing new clothes.)*
6. Yes *(Doing something special together regularly makes it a tradition.)*
7. Yes *(Families celebrate different holidays at different times, and all ways are okay.)*
8. They give gifts in different ways *(One family uses red envelopes and the other uses wrapped gifts.)*
9. Families have different traditions and celebrate different holidays *(Not all families observe the same holidays or have the same traditions.)*
10. Families celebrate in their own ways and that is okay *(Every family has its own traditions, and all are equally special and valid.)*