

4 When I Was a Kid

A Before you watch

Which holiday or festival did you use to enjoy most as a child? Why was it special? Write notes below.

Holiday / festival:	
Activities and events:	
Decorations:	
Costumes:	
Special foods:	

As a child, my favorite holiday was a festival called Carnival. There were huge street parades with music, and people dressed up in colorful costumes. We used to dance all night. We would eat ...

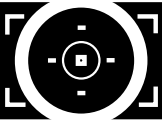
B While you watch

1 Read the sentences and circle the correct answers.

- 1 Jason wants a *pepperoni* / *vegetarian* pizza.
- 2 Octavio is from *Mexico* / *Colombia*.
- 3 Octavio is describing his first *Christmas* / *Thanksgiving* in New York.
- 4 Octavio moved to the U.S. when he was *eight* / *eighteen*.
- 5 Octavio and his father watched a *parade* / a *Broadway show*.
- 6 Octavio was both excited and *scared* / *surprised* by his experience.
- 7 Sally saw a Broadway show about *cats* / *lions*.

2 Number the events in Linda's Christmas video diary in the order they appear.

- Admiring the Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center.
- Seeing Santa Claus.
- Skating in Central Park.
- Taking a hansom cab ride.
- Watching a show at Radio City Music Hall.
- Watching breakdancers.



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C After you watch

Think of a holiday or festival in your country that foreign visitors would enjoy. Plan and write the script for a video diary of this holiday or festival. Read your script to a partner.

D Language points

Do the adjectives in brackets describe people's feelings, or an event? Complete the sentences with *I was* for people or *It was* for events, and the adjective.

- Last Christmas, my boyfriend took me for a hansom cab ride in the snow.
_____. (incredible)
- When I was five years old, I rode in one of the floats at the Macy's Thanksgiving parade.
_____. (thrilled)
- The first time I saw a man dressed as Santa Claus, I didn't like it.
_____. (scared)
- At the festival, there was music, dancing, and fireworks.
_____. (exciting)
- In the winter, people would hang colored lights all over their houses at night.
_____. (beautiful)
- When I was a student in the U.S., I went to a great Halloween costume party.
_____. (excited)

E Your viewpoint

Work in groups and discuss these questions.

- In your country, what holidays or festivals do you celebrate? Are they religious, regional, or seasonal?
- Think of some holiday traditions that are mostly for children, mostly for adults, and for both.
- What holiday traditions will you pass on to your children and grandchildren?