# 5.10 Traditional Festivals and Celebrations in the French-Speaking World: 10-minute Pack

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Total Marks

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**Traduisez les textes suivants en français or en anglais as instructed. For the longer translation passages write full, natural sentences. Time guidance: 10 minutes.**

**1** Festival vocabulary matching: match the French word to its English meaning in the context of public celebrations in France and the Francophone world. Context: common festival terms. Match each option to one of: 1. music festival, 2. carnival, 3. fireworks, 4. All Saints' Day.

- ☐ A. le feu d'artifice
- ☐ B. la fête de la musique
- ☐ C. le carnaval
- ☐ D. la Toussaint

**(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)**

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**2** Short grammar check: Choose the best English rendering of the French impersonal 'on' in this festival sentence. Context: impersonal subject use. French sentence: "On fête la musique dans toute la ville." Which English sentence is the best equivalent?

- ☐ A. I celebrate music in the whole city.
- ☐ B. They celebrate the music throughout the city.
- ☐ C. People celebrate the Fête de la Musique across the city.
- ☐ D. You celebrate the music in all the city.

**(Total for Question 2 is 1 mark)**

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**3** Gap-fill vocabulary: complete the short English prompt with the single French word that fits the festival context. Context: French street celebrations. "The crowd watched the _____ at the end of the concert." Provide the French noun.

**(Total for Question 3 is 1 mark)**


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**4** Short matching: match the French phrase to the English sense about habitual festival behaviour. Context: habitual expressions about customs. Match each French phrase to one of: 1. people usually, 2. we celebrate / one celebrates, 3. every year, 4. often.

- ☐ A. on fête
- ☐ B. les gens ont l'habitude de
- ☐ C. chaque année
- ☐ D. souvent

**(Total for Question 4 is 1 mark)**

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**5** Short grammar gap: Complete the French sentence used when describing a past one-off celebration. Context: describing last year's national day. "L'année dernière, on ____ (célébrer) le 14 juillet avec un grand défilé." Write the correct passé composé form.

**(Total for Question 5 is 1 mark)**

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**6** Vocabulary choice: Which French phrase best means 'people usually wear costumes' when talking about carnival customs? Context: carnival traditions in Nice or the Antilles.

- ☐ A. les gens ont porté des costumes hier
- ☐ B. les gens ont l'habitude de porter des costumes
- ☐ C. les gens porteront des costumes
- ☐ D. les gens portent des costumes demain

**(Total for Question 6 is 1 mark)**

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**7** Gap-fill grammar: Fill the French verb to make this habitual sentence correct. Context: describing what people usually do on 14 juillet. "Chaque 14 juillet, les gens ____ (regarder) les feux d'artifice et écoutent de la musique." Give the present tense third person plural form.

**(Total for Question 7 is 1 mark)**

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**8** Short correction: Identify the mistake in this French sentence and write the corrected single-word verb form. Context: imperfect used for habitual past. Sentence: "Quand j'étais petit, on célébrait Noël chaque année, et nous mangeons toujours du chocolat." Give the corrected verb for the second clause to express habitual past.

**(Total for Question 8 is 1 mark)**


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## Question 1

A correctly matched to 'fireworks' (feu d'artifice) and B to 'music festival', C to 'carnival', D to 'All Saints' Day' **B1**

**Answer: A->3, B->1, C->2, D->4**

## Question 2

option C correctly renders 'on' as impersonal people/one and uses a natural phrase 'celebrate the Fête de la Musique across the city' **B1**

**Answer: C**

## Question 3

correct phrase feu d'artifice as the word for a large public fireworks display **B1**

**Answer: feu d'artifice**

## Question 4

B matched to 'people usually', A to 'we celebrate / one celebrates', C to 'every year', D to 'often' **B1**

**Answer: A->2, B->1, C->3, D->4**

## Question 5

a célébré, passé composé third person singular of célébrer with on as impersonal subject for a one-off past event **B1**

**Answer: a célébré**

## Question 6

option B correctly uses avoir l'habitude de + infinitive to express the habitual sense 'people usually wear costumes' **B1**

**Answer: B**

## Question 7

regardent, present tense ils/elles form matching les gens **B1**

**Answer: regardent**

## Question 8

mangions, the imperfect nous form required for a habitual past action, replacing the present tense mangeons **B1**

**Answer: mangions**


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