

Special days bingo

Preparation

Copy and cut out one bingo card for each student. If there are more than 12 students in the class, use duplicate bingo cards. Bring small prizes for the winners.

In class

1. Hand out one bingo card to each student.
2. Read out the bingo definitions in any order, but not the words in parentheses. Tick the words as you read them out to remember which words you have read. Pause between each definition and students try to identify the word being defined and mark it if it is on their bingo card.
3. The first student who marks three words in a row in any direction (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) calls out *Bingo* and receives a small prize. The game continues and the first student who marks all the words on the card and calls out *Bingo* also gets a prize. Each time, check that students crossed off the correct words by asking them to read out the items that they have crossed off and comparing it with the words you have ticked on the definitions sheet. If you have used duplicate cards, there may be more than one winner at a time.

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Teacher's notes – bingo definitions

You can read the definitions out in any order, but don't read the words in parentheses. Tick off the words as you dictate their definitions.

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| (fireworks) This is a light show in the sky at night. You can see it on New Year's Eve in Germany or on the Fourth of July in the USA. | (candles) They are made from wax and you burn them to make light. On your birthday cake there is one for every year of your age. |
| (cake) It is usually round and sweet. You can eat it and sometimes there are candles on it. | (Happy Birthday) This what you say to so meone when they celebrate the day they were born. |
| (Parade) This is a public celebration in the street. Many people move and bands are playing music. You often see one during carnival. | (Christmas tree) Children love to decorate this. On 24 December, you put candles on it. People normally have it in their living rooms. |
| (present) You give this to someone for Christmas or for their birthday. | (sweets) Chocolate, goodies, candies, and ice cream are all.... |
| (dancing) When there is a party with good music, people enjoy doing this. You move your body with the music, often together with a partner. | (picnic) You normally have this in a park or in the countryside. You bring food with you and have a meal with friends, sitting in the grass. |
| (Independence Day) This is another name for the Fourth of July in the USA. | (Thanksgiving) It's a special day in the USA in November. Families meet and they usually eat turkey. |
| (exciting) This is the opposite of boring. | (expensive) This is the opposite of cheap. |
| (delicious) When food is really good, you can say it is | (family) My father, mother, brother, and sister are my |
| (friends) These are people you like very much, but they are not your family. | (wedding anniversary) This is a special day in the year when you celebrate the day when you got married. |
| (music festival) This is usually an outdoor event. Lots of people go there and listen to their favourite songs and bands. Woodstock was a very famous one. | (surprise party) You and your friends can organize this for a friend's birthday. He or she doesn't know that you are organizing a special celebration. |

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fireworks	cake	candles
Happy Birthday	parade	Christmas tree
presents	sweets	dancing

picnic	Independence Day	Thanksgiving
exciting	music festival	family
surprise party	cake	wedding anniversary

friends	delicious	fireworks
dancing	expensive	parade
sweets	Thanksgiving	present

surprise party	exciting	candles
picnic	parade	Happy Birthday
expensive	wedding anniversary	music festival

family	music festival	exciting
sweets	friends	Christmas tree
dancing	Thanksgiving	candles

Happy Birthday	cake	candles
presents	Independence Day	delicious
picnic	surprise party	expensive

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picnic	Independence Day	candles
sweets	expensive	Christmas tree
presents	fireworks	delicious

family	exciting	Happy Birthday
music festival	parade	cake
wedding anniversary	surprise party	dancing

delicious	Thanksgiving	friends
cake	fireworks	Christmas tree
presents	expensive	Happy Birthday

exciting	Thanksgiving	picnic
family	parade	cake
sweets	delicious	friends