

Celebrations & Traditions

Fleydo English School • Teens • A2 • Reading • 30 min

Lesson Objectives

- Read about four different celebrations
- Learn celebration vocabulary
- Use will for offers, promises, spontaneous decisions
- Understand will vs going to
- Write about a celebration

Part 1: Reading

Aisha, 14 — Eid al-Fitr: At the end of Ramadan. We wear best clothes, go to the mosque, visit family. Grandma makes biryani and sweets. Older relatives give Eidi (money in envelopes). "I'll take a photo!" says Mum. "I'll do the washing up!" says Dad — but he never does! About 40 people came last year.

Tomasz, 15 — Wigilia (Polish Christmas Eve): Twelve dishes on the table, one for each month. An extra place for an unexpected guest. We share opiatek (a thin wafer) and wish each other well. "I'll always be proud of you," Dad says. We open presents on Christmas Eve, not Christmas morning.

Maya, 13 — Diwali: Festival of lights. We clean and decorate the house with candles, diyas (oil lamps) and rangoli patterns. Mum and I make sweets — "I'll teach you grandma's recipe one day!" We light diyas, visit the temple, watch fireworks. Dad says, "I'll cover your ears!" Diwali celebrates good over evil.

Callum, 14 — Hogmanay (Scottish New Year): Bigger than Christmas for many Scots! Big party, countdown at midnight. First-footing: the first person to enter brings a gift for luck. "I'll bring luck to this house!" says Dad. "Next year I'll stay up later!" — but I always fall asleep by 2 am.

Part 2: Comprehension

1. When is Eid al-Fitr? (End of Ramadan.)
2. What is Eidi? (Money in envelopes.)
3. How many Wigilia dishes? (Twelve.)
4. What are diyas? (Oil lamps for Diwali.)
5. What is first-footing? (First person to enter after midnight brings a gift.)
6. What does Callum promise himself? (To stay up later — but falls asleep.)

Part 3: Grammar — will

will for offers

"I'll do the washing up!" "I'll help you!" (decided NOW, not planned before)

will for promises

"I'll always be proud of you." "I'll teach you one day!"

will vs going to

will = spontaneous / offer / promise (decided NOW)

going to = planned / evidence (decided BEFORE)

will (spontaneous)	going to (planned)
I'll help you! (offer)	I'm going to visit grandma. (plan)
I'll always remember. (promise)	We're going to cook 12 dishes. (intention)
I'll get the door! (instant)	It's going to rain. (evidence)

Part 4: Quiz

- "You look tired. I ___ make tea." (offer)
a) 'm going to b) 'll c) going to d) will to
- We ___ visit cousins Saturday. (planned)
a) will b) 're going to c) 'll d) going
- "I ___ always remember this." (promise)
a) 'm going to b) 'll c) going to d) will to
- Aisha's family go where on Eid morning?
a) Open presents b) Mosque c) Watch fireworks d) Count down
- Negative of will?
a) willn't b) won't c) don't will d) doesn't will
- What is first-footing?
a) A dance b) First person to enter after midnight c) A food d) Opening first present

Part 5: Fill in the Blanks


- "I _____ help you carry the food." (offer)
- "I promise I _____ forget your birthday." (neg. promise)

3. We _____ have a party Saturday. (planned)
4. "I _____ always be there for you." (promise)
5. She _____ make twelve dishes. (planned)
6. "I _____ open the door!" (spontaneous)
7. I _____ buy new clothes next week. (planned)
8. "I _____ eat the shortbread before midnight!" (neg. promise)

Answers: 1. 'll 2. won't 3. 're going to 4. 'll 5. 's going to 6. 'll 7. 'm going to 8. won't

Part 6: Speaking & Writing

- What is your favourite celebration?
- What traditions does your family have?
- What will you do for the next celebration?

 Write About a Celebration 10-14 sentences. What is it? When? What does your family do? Food, clothes, activities? Use 2+ will (offers/promises) and 2+ going to (plans). Start: "My favourite celebration is..."

Review Checklist

- I can name celebration vocabulary.
- I can use will for offers.
- I can use will for promises.
- I can use will for spontaneous decisions.
- I understand will vs going to.
- I can write about a celebration.

Well done! You completed Lesson 8: Celebrations & Traditions!

□ Answer Key

Quiz Answers:

1. b) 'll
2. b) 're going to
3. b) 'll
4. b) Mosque
5. b) won't
6. b) First person to enter after midnight