

## A) READING

### A. Before you read, answer the questions.

1. Have you ever been abroad?

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2. Do you celebrate any carnivals in your country?

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3. What do people wear in the carnival?

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Dear Katherine,

Greetings from Greece! We're in Athens. This is the most wonderful city I have ever been to and I'm having the best time of my life here!

Each year, more of the ancient traditions of Carnival are being revived in Greece. We were lucky because when we arrived in Greece, there was a carnival atmosphere in the streets. The tourist guide told us Patras Carnival was the largest event of its kind in Greece and one of the biggest in Europe. The Carnival started approximately 180 years ago. The festivities included games, parties, children's workshops as well as a parade on Saturday night. I thought the costumes were one of the key elements of the parades because people wore colourful costumes.

So far, we have visited Acropolis of Athens, we have walked through the Muses Hill. The Acropolis, probably the most famous of historic sites in Greece and worldwide, is a symbol in itself and an outstanding landmark of the city. The temple of Olympian Zeus, with the large surrounding area and the more recent Roman Emperor, Hadrian's Arch on one side, is a tribute to the father of all the ancient gods, Zeus himself. It was fascinating. Moreover, we have swum at Thalassea Beach. It's marvellous! I have tried a lot of local dishes. They're delicious. My favourite one is Tiropitas, a kind of pastry. We haven't visited any museums yet because Kate doesn't like them. She finds them boring. Tomorrow we're going on a helicopter tour over the city. Can you believe it?! Have you ever been on a helicopter? I'm so excited that I can't sleep and I am writing this letter to you now.

See you next week,  
Robert.



### B. Read the text again and write answer the questions.

1. Where did Robert go?

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2. Why were they lucky?

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3. Did they swim?

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4. What is Robert's favourite food?

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## B) VOCABULARY

### A. Match the "Special Days" with the pictures.

Halloween - Valentine's Day - Midsummer  
 Mother's Day - New Year's Eve - Thanksgiving



1.....



2.....



3.....



4.....



5.....



6.....

### B. Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

national holiday - parade - carnival - fancy dress - invitation  
 prize - take part - attend - celebrate - church hall

1. The basic form of the ..... is rectangular.
2. The ..... money for winning Wimbledon has been increased by 12.5 per cent.
3. The 4th of July was declared a ..... by Congress in 1941.
4. There's a ..... in Payson Park this weekend.
5. George doesn't usually .....in any of the class activities.
6. My grandmother was in Kansas to ..... her 74th birthday.
7. From our hotel room window, we had a great view of the .....
8. Over six hundred people .....the festival.
9. We are not talking about any old royal event, but a ..... party.
10. We received another ..... to a wedding this morning.

## C) USE OF ENGLISH

### A. Complete the sentences with a verb from the list. Use the "Present Perfect".



We use the **Present Perfect** to talk about actions that happened at an undetermined time in the past like recent events whose results are evident in the present, and past experiences; actions that happened in a period that continues up to the present.

We form the **Present Perfect** with **have/has + the past participle** of the verb. ( I have lost my keys.)

take - stop - go - see - break - live - finish - buy - invite - forget

1. **A:** Can I have this newspaper? **B:** Yes, I ..... with it.
2. I ..... some shoes. Do you want to see them?
3. **A:** Where is Anna? **B:** She ..... out.
4. Look! Somebody ..... the window.
5. I can't find my umbrella. I think my sister ..... it.
6. Bob is having a party today. He ..... a lot of people.
7. **A:** Where are my glasses? **B:** I don't know I ..... them.
8. I know that man but I ..... his name.
9. My sister ..... in Canada for two years. She is happy there.
10. In the morning it rained a lot but now it ..... raining.

### B. Use the words given to write positive (+) , negative (-) or questions (?) in "Present Perfect Tense".

1. I / make (+) / a mistake / already  
.....
2. Amanda / forget (+) / my address / just  
.....
3. I / hear (-) / from Catherina / yet  
.....
4. Brian / see (-) / a newspaper today / yet  
.....
5. my dad / work(?) / very hard / recently  
.....
6. you / learn (?) / anything / yet  
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**C. Complete the sentences with "so" or "such".**



We use *so/such* to emphasize adjectives.

*so* + adjective (It was so cold on Monday.)

*such* + a/an + adjective + noun (It was such a cold day.)

We can also add a result. (You were so tired that you slept early.)

1. Her throat was ..... bad that she could hardly speak.
2. We have had ..... a tiring day that we went straight to bed.
3. It took us ..... a long time to get home that we missed our lunch.
4. He looked ..... young that everyone took him for a student.
5. The room was ..... untidy that it took three hours to sort out.
6. We had ..... a good time that we didn't want to go home.
7. I was in ..... a panic mood that I didn't know it was him.
8. John was ..... excited that he kept jumping up and down.
9. They worked ..... quickly that there was no time for talking.
10. The apple pie is .....delicious that I'd like another piece.

**D) WRITING**

**Read the information about Maria and make the sentences. Use the words in the box.**



**Maria**

~~have~~      be  
do              write  
travel        meet

all over the world      ten books  
~~many different jobs~~      interesting people  
married twice          amazing things

1. Maria has ..... *had many different jobs* .....
2. She has .....
3. She .....
4. She .....
5. She .....
6. She .....