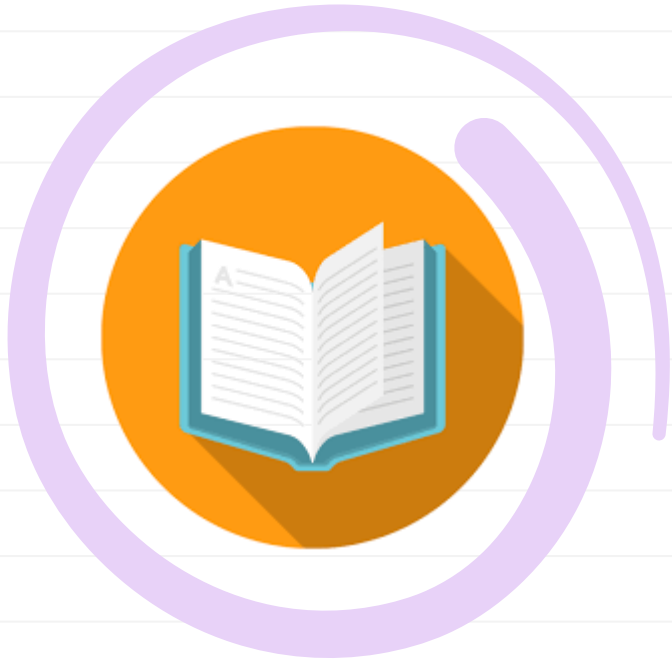


Unit 1

Lessons 7&8

Festivals and occasions



Vocabulary



bubbly (adj.)

lively; high-spirited



chain (n.)

a group of establishments , such as hotels , stores owned by the same company



commemorate (v.)

to mark or celebrate a special occasion



embark (v.)

To go on board a ship, aircraft or other vehicle



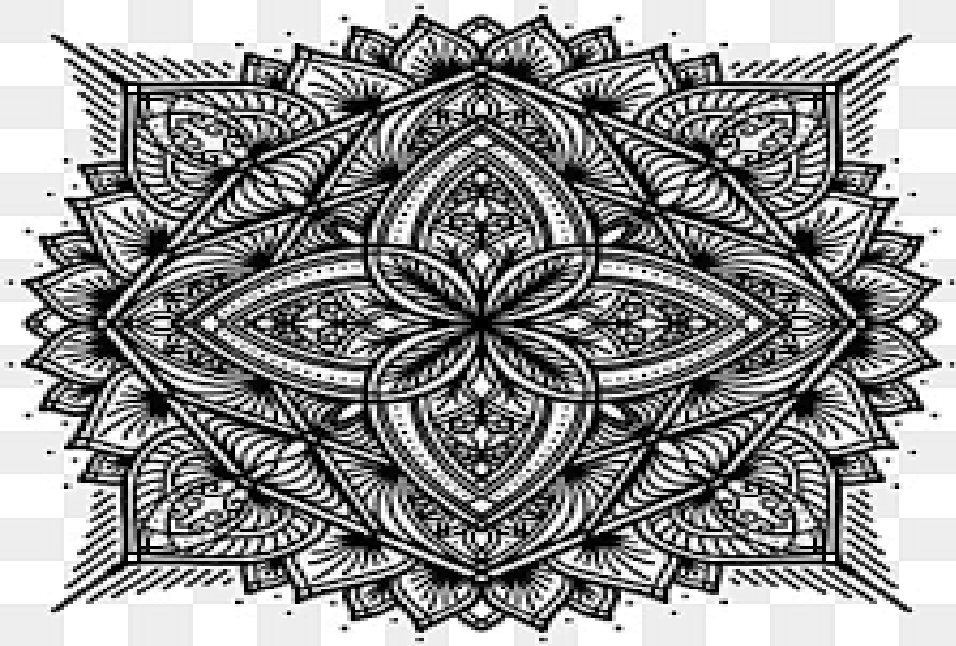
exuberant (adj.)

very energetic and lively



fanciful (adj.)

over imaginative and unrealistic



intricate (adj.)

very complicated or detailed



unison (n.)

simultaneous performance of action



weaving (n.)

the act of forming fabric by interlacing long threads

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MYSTERY WORD

GAME

weaving



bubbly



intricate



embark



A- From a, b, c and d, choose the most suitable word that best completes each of the following sentences:

1. This statue was built toour victory over our enemy.
a. launch **b. commemorate** c. nurture d. take part in
2. The watch mechanism is extremely and very difficult to repair.
a. dazzling b. celebratory c. bubbly **d. intricate**
3. The international community is ready to work in against war.
a. chain **b. unison** c. weaving d. multitude
4. This may somehow seem a suggestion. We cannot achieve it.
a. dazzling b. celebratory c. bubbly **d. fanciful**
5. Hand was a flourishing industry in the region in the past.
a. chain b. unison **c. weaving** d. multitude

Listening



(1.2) You are going to hear three people describing interesting festivals they have experienced. Match these words from the recording with their meanings. You may use the glossary / dictionary for help.

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|---------------|-------|---|
| a intricate | | 1 a period of public celebration that takes place at a regular time each year |
| b festivity | | 2 imaginative or fanciful; extraordinary |
| c commemorate | | 3 someone or something that comes from Tibet |
| d buzzing | | 4 very complicated or detailed |
| e Tibetan | | 5 the celebration of something in a bubbly and exuberant way |
| f fantastic | | 6 to mark or celebrate a special occasion |
| g carnival | | 7 an atmosphere of excitement |



(1.2) Listen again. Are these statements True (T) or False (F)? Justify your answers.

Speaker 1

- a National Day is celebrated annually on the 26th of February. ☐
- b The speaker normally spends the day with their family. ☐

Speaker 2

- c The small decorated vehicle is called a 'float'. ☐
- d People come from all over the world to see the festival. ☐

Speaker 3

- e Sand pictures are made for children to keep as souvenirs. ☐
- f Losar is a religious festival. ☐

Think and speak



Discuss these questions in pairs or groups.

- What festivals do people celebrate in Kuwait?
- What happens and how many people attend?
- How do festivals that have been founded in the last century differ from more traditional celebrations?
- Festivals are a celebration of our relationship with the world we live in. Do you agree or disagree?
- How can festivals benefit society?

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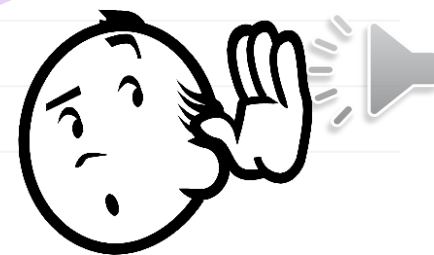
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describing festivals they have experienced.
Listen to the recording and write down the
names of the three festivals.**

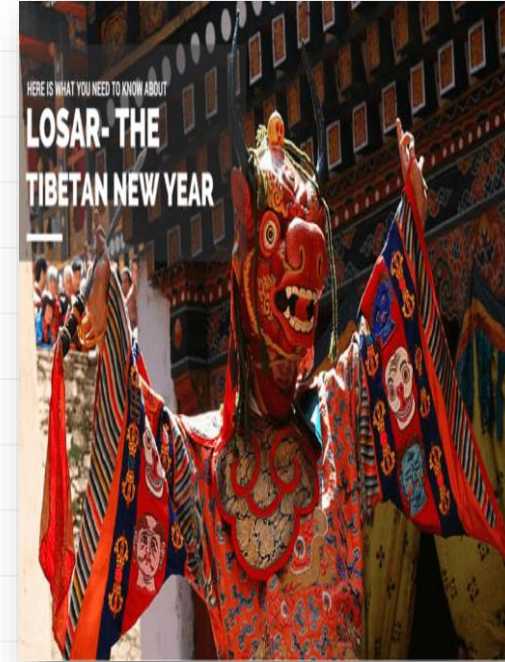




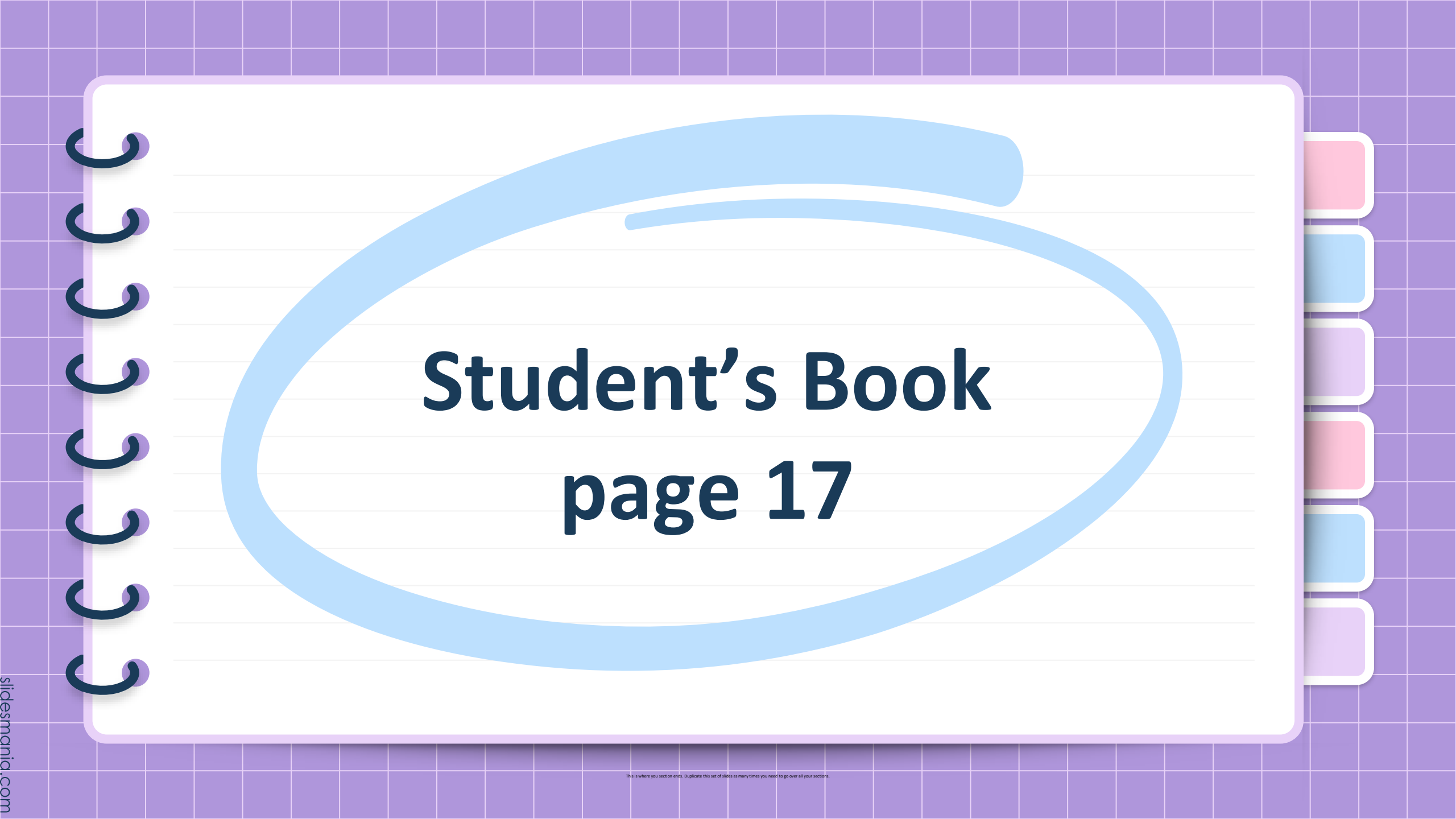
Kuwait National Day



Rio de Janeiro Carnival



Losar New Year



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Speaking

Discussing religious occasions

Listen



(1.3) Listen to a description of the Hajj. Make a list of any phrases from his personal experience.



Work in pairs. Discuss and answer these questions.

- a Why is the Hajj important?
- b Did the speaker predict what his experience would be like?
- c What does the speaker describe as 'a sea of white cloth'?



Answers

01

Hajj is one of the 5 pillars
of Islam.

To seek forgiveness.

02

No, the speaker had been
preparing for it his whole
life but couldn't understand
the experience of the Hajj
until he experienced it
himself.

03

'A sea of white cloths'
refers to the men who are
all dressed in white.

Set Book Questions

B: Answer the following questions:

1. Why do Muslims perform the hajj?

It is one of the 5 pillars of Islam.

2. What preparations should be made before going to Hajj?

changing money / buying Hajj clothes.

Translation

B) Translate the following into good English:

أحمد: يعتبر هلا فبراير من أكثر الإحتفالات إبهارًا في دولة الكويت.

Ahmed: Hala February is one of the most dazzling festivals in Kuwait.

يوسف: بالتأكيد فكل عام يأتي الكثير من الناس من خارج الكويت للمشاركة في هذا الاحتفال.

Youssuf: Sure! Every year a lot of people come from outside Kuwait to take part in this festival.

أحمد: لمهرجان القرين الثقافي أهمية كبيرة في رعاية المواهب الكويتية الشابة.

Ahmed: Qurain Cultural Festival has a great importance in nurturing Kuwaiti young talents.

يوسف هذا صحيح وأيضاً يكرم الفنانين من جميع أنحاء الخليج العربي.

Youssuf: That's right. Also, it rewards artists from all over the Gulf countries.