

Chapter 3: The Kite Festival

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Name the festival that you enjoy most of all. Fill in the facts about that festival.

- Name of the festival :
- When it is celebrated :
- Why it is celebrated :
- How it is celebrated :
- Special cuisine:
- Other special features:

SOLUTION

Students can discuss and write down details about their favourite festival. They can consult their parents/friends/the internet, etc.

ENGLISH WORKSHOP [PAGES 64 - 65]

English workshop | Q 1 | Page 64

Give the Antonyms and Synonyms of the words below, choosing from those given.

Synonyms	Antonyms
lustre, rise, victory, competitor, old - fashioned, joyfully, foreign, pause	partner, dullness, start, sorrowfully, drop, modern, native, defeat

Words	Synonyms	Antonyms
happily		
traditional		
halt		
triumph		
exotic		
rival		
soar		
Brilliance		

SOLUTION

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happily	Joyfully	Sorrowfully
traditional	Old-fashioned	Modern
halt	pause	start
triumph	victory	defeat
exotic	foreign	native
rival	competitor	partner
soar	rise	drop
brilliance	lustre	dullness

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Say whether the following statement is true or false.

Fibreglass kites led to creating power-driven aeroplanes.

1. True
2. **False**

SOLUTION

Fibreglass kites led to creating power-driven aeroplanes. - **False**

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Say whether the following statement is true or false.

In Gujarat, the kite - festival is celebrated to welcome the Spring.

1. True
2. **False**

SOLUTION

In Gujarat, the kite - festival is celebrated to welcome the Spring. - **False**

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Say whether the following statement is true or false.

'Uttarayana' starts from Makar Sankranti onwards.

1. **True**
2. False

SOLUTION

'Uttarayana' starts from Makar Sankranti onwards. - **True.**

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Say whether the following statement is true or false.

Kite - flying in Gujarat, is a competitive sport - cum - festival.

1. True
2. False

SOLUTION

Kite - flying in Gujarat, is a competitive sport - cum - festival. - **True**

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Say whether the following statement is true or false.

The kite - Bazar in Ahmedabad, is open day and night for a week.

1. True
2. False

SOLUTION

The kite-Bazar in Ahmedabad is open day and night for a week. - **True**

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Say whether the following statement is true or false.

The special thread for kite - flying is sharpened by adding sugar and glass pieces.

1. True
2. False

SOLUTION

The special thread for kite - flying is sharpened by adding sugar and glass pieces.
- **False**

English workshop | Q 3. (a) | Page 64

Using points from the lesson, give the details of the following in a short paragraph for each topic.

Different types of kites.

SOLUTION

Traditional kites are made of kite paper and have thin wooden frames. The modern kites may be motorized or made of fiberglass. Exotic kites have marvellous shapes such as that of eagles and snakes. There are also illuminated box-kites called tukals.

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Using points from the lesson, give the details of the following in a short paragraph for each topic.

International Kite Festival at Ahmedabad.

SOLUTION

The International Kite Festival at Ahmedabad is held either at the Sardar Patel Stadium or the Police Stadium. It attracts international kite-flyers as well as local champions. Little Indian paper kites compete with those from Japan, the USA, UK, and other

countries. Exotic kites with marvellous shapes such as eagles and snakes soar in the sky. The Patang or Kite Bazar, in the heart of Ahmedabad, is open 24 hours a day for a whole week, and people crowd the streets through the night. Skilled craftsmen demonstrate age-old kite-making skills and how to prepare special threads. At night, illuminated box kites are sent into the sky.

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Using points from the lesson, give the details of the following in a short paragraph for each topic.

The kite Bazar of Ahmedabad.

SOLUTION

During the Kite Festival at Ahmedabad, the Patang or Kite Bazar, in the heart of Ahmedabad, is open 24 hours a day for a whole week. People crowd the streets and buy their stocks, haggling through the night. Skilled craftsmen demonstrate age-old kite-making skills and how to prepare special thread covered with a mixture of glue and ground glass.

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You have just returned after your first experience of the kite - festival in Gujarat/Ahmedabad. You were thrilled with the festivities.

Write a short report about the kite - festival for your local newspaper. Give an attractive headline, a dateline, and an account of the kite - festive. Write the report in the third person with more use of Passive voice.

SOLUTION

HIGH-FLYING KITES ADORN THE SKY

Ahmedabad, 17 January: A variety of colourful kites adorned the sky this year during the International Kite Festival here. A record number of countries participated 1 in this annual festival.

The famous International Kite Festival, organized by the Gujarat State Tourism Corporation, was held at the Sardar Patel Stadium. 14 countries, including India, participated. The kites were very colorful and in a variety of shapes. There were dragons, eagles, snakes, crocodiles, etc. Some had tiny lights in them, while some were studded with stones. Excited spectators watched in awe as the kites soared in the sky, free as birds.

This year, the first prize, a gold-plated cup in the shape of a kite, went to Korea. The Korean team succeeded in keeping their kite in the sky for the longest time. Last year's winner and the host country, India, did not stand a chance this year and were out of the competition at an early stage. "We will double our efforts for the next year and come out with flying colours," said Rakesh Pandya, captain of the home team. We wish them all the best for the next year. **Harsh Mehta**

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You have just returned after your first experience of the kite - festival in Gujarat / Ahmedabad. You were thrilled with the festivities.

You have a friend who lives abroad. Write a letter to your friend describing how you enjoyed the kite-festival.

SOLUTION

'Gulmohar'

Ahmedabad

17 January 2020

Hi Dominic,

How are you? You have hardly written to me after you went to London. Why the silence?

Yes, I know you are busy, but you can spare some time for an old friend, can't you?

Here in Ahmedabad, the kite festival is just over. We had a wonderful time flying kites and cheering others. The school was closed for two days, and my friends and I spent one day watching the competition at the Police Stadium and the other day at the ground near our house, flying an assortment of kites. Our kites were ordinary ones, but you should have seen the exotic kites being flown at the Police Stadium! They were from Japan, the U.S., U.K., Thailand, Korea, and other places. They were in the shape of eagles, snakes, crocodiles, dragons, etc. Some had shining tails while some had bejeweled bodies. The competition was very stiff-but guess what! The first prize was won by the Indian team!

Our own competition too was very thrilling. We cut so many kites! We were also awake the whole night shopping for kites and eating. It was really a wonderful time.

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Underline the verb form in the following sentences and state their Tense and Aspect.

- i. They are waiting for the right winds.
- ii. People were haggling over the price of kites.
- iii. Vendors had been selling kites all through the week.
- iv. Skilled craftsmen had demonstrated age-old skills.
- v. State Tourism Corporation will be organizing the International Kite Festival.
- vi. Kite - flyers have demonstrated their skills with exotic kites.



SOLUTION

Sentences	Tense	Aspect
They are waiting for the right winds.	present	progressive
People were haggling over the price of kites.	past	progressive
Vendors had been selling kites all through the week	past	perfect progressive
Skilled craftsmen had demonstrated age-old skills.	past	perfect
State Tourism Corporation will be organizing the International Kite Festival	future	progressive
Kite-flyers have demonstrated their skills with exotic kites	present	perfect