

# CRAZY DAYS

Some celebrations are so strange it is difficult to believe they exist. Which of the facts below do you think are true and which do you think are false?

- 1 In Uruguay there is a special day called Teachers Day.
- 2 Every July, in the Spanish city of Pamplona, bulls run free through the streets. Men and boys have to get out of the way fast or die.
- 3 On the 26 July Dutch people dance in the streets with buckets on their heads. Two hundred years ago people believed the dance protected wooden houses from burning. Nowadays the dance is just for fun.
- 4 Every spring in Britain people can wear red noses to raise money for charity. It is called Red Nose Day and was invented by comedians.
- 5 In the Spanish city of Cadiz people celebrate St Fermin's Day by kissing olive trees. St Fermin is the saint of trees and kissing the trees helps the harvest.



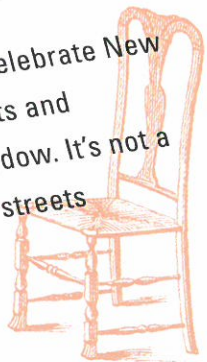
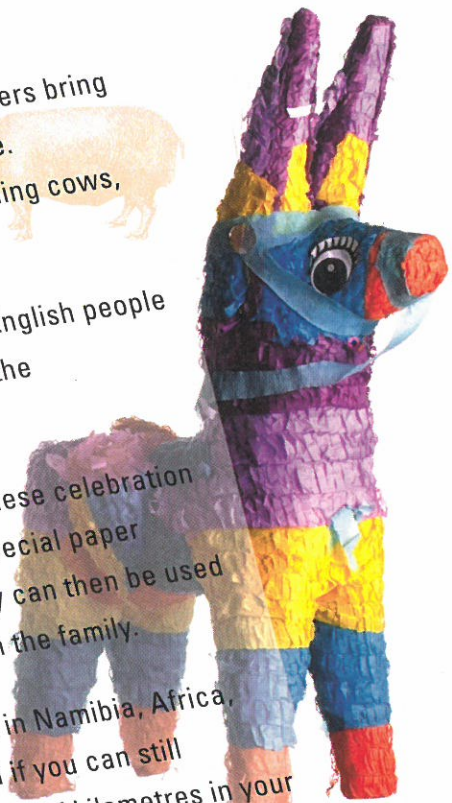
- 6 At Halloween Albanian farmers bring their animals into the house. This stops evil spirits stealing cows, pigs, chickens etc.

- 7 On Christmas morning English people greet each other with the words "Ho ho ho!".

- 8 Yu lan-p'en is a Chinese celebration where they burn special paper money. The money can then be used by dead people in the family.

- 9 A birthday fact: in Namibia, Africa, you are not old if you can still walk the number of kilometres in your age. So if you're fifty but can still walk fifty kilometres, you are not old.

- 10 In southern Spain they celebrate New Year by throwing old pots and furniture out of the window. It's not a good idea to walk the streets at this time.



ANSWERS 1 True, 2 True, 3 False, 4 True, 5 False, 6 False, 7 False, 8 True, 9 True, 10 True