

# Holidays and festivals

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# MASLENITSA

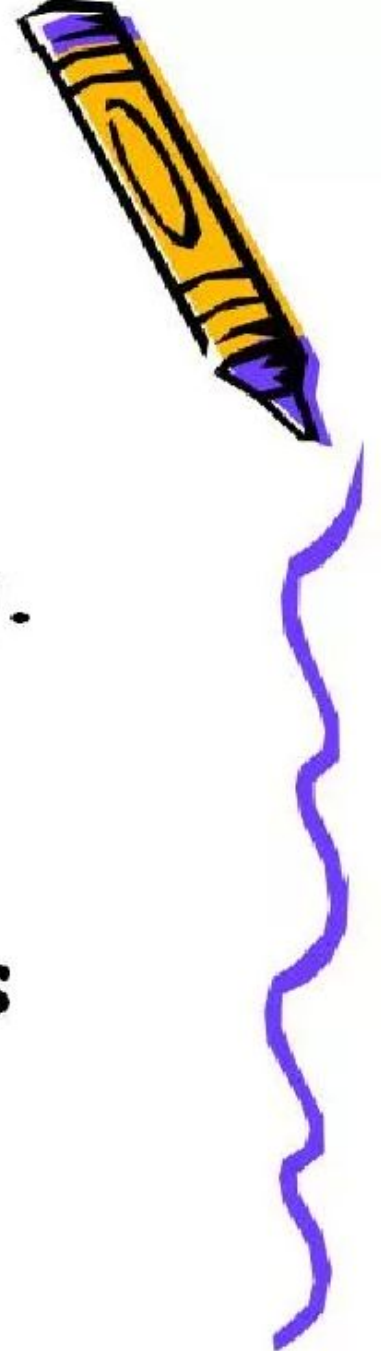
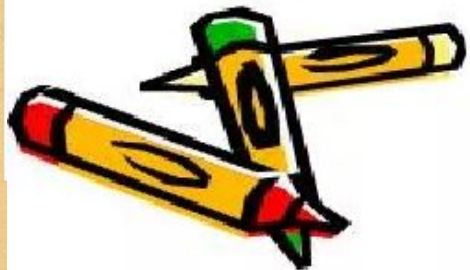
# Phonetic warm-up

I see a cat. - The cat is fat.

You see a pig. - The pig is big.

We see a ball. - The ball is  
small.

They see a star. - The star is  
far.



Complete the sentences.

1. Maslenitsa is one of the...
2. Warm, round, and golden-...
3. The festival is...
4. In the 18<sup>th</sup> century there were...
5. In this way people say good bye to...
6. Russian pancakes (blini) are very...
7. Troika rides, sledging, puppet theater, pole climbing, tug-of-war contests...

What do you think: are these statements true or false?

1. Maslenitsa is a summer festival.
2. A pancake was a symbol of the Sun in pagan (языческой) Russia.
3. The celebrations last a whole week.
4. Burning the scarecrow (чучело) Maslenitsa begins the celebrations.

Answer the questions.

**1. What traditional dish is served at  
Maslenitsa?**

pancakes



**2. Why is it an important part of celebrations?**





**Blini are  
a symbol  
of the sun**

**3. What is the difference between bear shows in the past and today?**



In the 18<sup>th</sup> century  
there was bear

But now  
it is an actor



# What things do you enjoy doing best?

- pole climbing
- puppet theatre
- singing
- dancing in colorful costumes
- tug-of-war contest
- troika riding
- watching a bear show
- cooking pancakes

**I enjoy...**

**Good bye, Maslenitsa!**

