

# British and Russian traditions





# Russian and british holidays



           *is celebrated on the*           .

# At the lesson we are going to:

- ❖ Revise the words and word combinations;
- ❖ Read the text and discuss it;
- ❖ Revise the word-formation in the English language and English parts of speech;
- ❖ Compare Maslenitsa and Guy Fawkes' Day;
- ❖ Have fun!



**Read and translate the words, define  
their part of speech**

tradition

custom

important

conservative

proud

raven

be proud of

carefully

sights

legend

protection

figure

keeper

scarecrow

special

# Translate from Russian into English, using the words on the blackboard

1) Важный обычай – An important custom

2) Гордиться традициями –

To be proud of the traditions

3) Старинная легенда – An old legend

4) 6 воронов – Six ravens

5) Сжигать чучело –

To burn a scarecrow



# Translate from Russian into English, using the words on the blackboard

5) Консервативные люди –

Conservative people

6) Быть под защитой –

To be under protection

7) Особый праздник –

A special holiday

8) Известные достопримечательности –

Famous sights



**Read the text**  
**“More about British**  
**and Russian**  
**Traditions”**



## Answer the questions:

- 1) Are **the** British conservative?
- 2) What **are** they proud **of**?
- 3) What English holidays **do** you know?
- 4) How long **have** the ravens **lived** in the Tower of London?
- 5) What **will** happen if they leave the Tower?





## Answer the questions:

6) Who order**ed** that six ravens should always live in the tower of London?

7) Who look**s** after the ravens?

8) Why do the keepers cut the birds' wings a bit?



# Find the continuation of the sentences in the text

1) Another old English custom is...

Guy Fawkes' Day.

2) They stand in the streets and squares

... asking for "a Penny for the  
Guy".

3) Then with the money they have  
collected they...

buy fireworks and burn the  
guy on their bonfire.



## Find the continuation of the sentences in the text

4) People in Russia have...

their own special traditions

5) In old times people usually cooked...

Pancakes, had fires, burnt straw figure of winter, they sang songs and danced.

6) Though different countries have different traditions and holidays...

People all over the world know some of them.

# Find these sentences in the text

1) They say British people are very conservative.

2) The ravens are one of the most famous sights at the Tower of London.

3) Each raven has got its name and the keepers carefully look after them.



## Find these sentences in the text

4) People celebrate it at the end of February or at the beginning of March.

5) Now during “Maslenitsa week” people always cook pancakes.



6) They are – Easter, Christmas and New Year.



**Let's have a short break!**

**Two little ravens sitting on a hill**

**One named Jack, the other named Jill**

**Fly away, Jack, fly away, Jill**

**Come back Jack, come back Jill!**

**Two little ravens sitting on a wall**

**One named Peter, the other named Paul**

**Fly away, Peter, fly away, Paul**

**Come back Peter, come back Paul!**



# “True”, “False” or “Don’t Know”

<b>True</b>	<b>1. Every country has its own traditions and customs.</b>
<b>False</b>	<b>1. There are no common (общие) traditions all over the world.</b>
<b>False</b>	<b>1. English people celebrate Maslenitsa.</b>
<b>True</b>	<b>1. There are some common holidays in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.</b>
<b>False</b>	<b>1. The ravens have been in the Tower of London since Charles II.</b>
<b>True</b>	<b>1. The English celebrate Guy Fawkes’ Day on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November.</b>
<b>Don’t know</b>	<b>1. Russian people seldom eat pancakes with caviar now.</b>

**Fill in the gaps with the words formed from the given ones, translate them and name their part of speech:**

<i>careful</i>	<i>carefully</i> , adv.
<i>a tradition</i>	<i>traditional</i> , adj.
<i>to begin</i>	<i>beginning</i> , n.
<i>to protect</i>	<i>protection</i> , n.
<i>to keep</i>	<i>keeper</i> , n.
<i>London</i>	<i>Londoner</i> , n.
<i>a child</i>	<i>children</i> , n., pl.
<i>fire+works</i>	<i>fireworks</i> , n., pl.
<i>bon+fire</i>	<i>bonfire</i> , n.
<i>near</i>	<i>nearest</i> , adj.
<i>dear</i>	<i>dearest</i> , adj.
<i>to differ</i>	<i>different</i> , adj.



## Maslenitsa

To last for a week

To say goodbye to winter

To cook pancakes

## Guy Fawkes' Day

An old English custom

To ask for "a Penny for the Guy"

To collect money

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**Thank you for  
your work!**

