Activity 1. Read the questions below and prepare your own answer. Remember to give a direct answer to the question first, then extend your answer by adding extra information in a couple of sentences.

Activity 2. Read the answers below carefully and highlight expressions, vocabulary or idioms that you wish to remember. Make sure you practice them in your speaking, so that you can make use of them in your speaking test.

Part 3. Party/celebration/festival

Q: Why do you think people have parties?

I believe people throw parties because parties are fun, and give us a perfect chance to socialise and mingle with many new people. I personally like to throw a party when I have something to celebrate.

Q: What events do people in your country celebrate?

In my country, people celebrate birthdays, particularly the 1st, 60th and 70th birthdays as well as remarkable achievements such as winning a prize, graduations and promotions at work. People also celebrate some holidays such as Christmas, New Year's and Thanksgiving.

Q: Do you consider festivals important? Why?

I believe festivals are important as they have significance either historically, socially, or religiously. I think all festivals help people build a stronger bond with family members or community members. As we consider festivals special occasions to feast and to celebrate, loved ones usually gather to spend this meaningful time together. By sharing food and time together, they become even closer. Some religious festivals such as Christmas and Hanukkah also serve to mark out the year. I think I answered why I think festivals are important.

Q: Do you think that people will have new festivals in the future?

I don't have interest in festivals but I believe that there will be new festivals introduced in the future. If you think about it, my country has festivals like multicultural festivals or food and wine festivals now, but 10 years ago, we didn't have those. So, in the future, I think there will be new festivals and I'm pretty sure some of them will be related to technology when I come to think about how fast technology advances.