

Text A**The Snake Festival**

1. Find the meaning of the following words: snake statue
2. Then read the text and fill in the table below.

Every year on the first Thursday in May the small village of Cocullo in Italy sees thousands of visitors. They are all arriving to see the annual Snake Festival. The festival is held on Saint Dominic's Day. St Dominic lived in the town in the 11th century. At that time there were many snakes in the village and many people died of snakebite. Saint Domenic got rid of the snakes and the people of Cocullo hold this festival every year to remember him. For some weeks before the festival, people collect snakes and then, on St Dominic's Day, they put all the snakes on a statue of St Dominic. At midday they carry the statue and the snakes in a procession through the village. At the front of the procession is a band playing music and at the back are women in costume who give sweets and bread shaped like snakes to the people who are watching. At the end of the procession there are fireworks.

	Snake Festival	Bun Festival	Land Diving Festival	May Day
Where?				
When?				
Why?				
What happens?				
Special Food?				

3. Share your information with your group. Complete the table for all the festivals.

4. Discuss in your group: Which festival would you like to go to most?

5. Invent a festival! Work together and invent a festival for one of these events:

Midwinter

The first day of autumn

The longest day

Fill in the table for your festival and then write a description.

Where?	
When?	
Why?	
What happens?	
Special Food?	