




Unit 3 Festivals and customs

Alex around the world



Actually, the tradition of eating dumplings during winter solstice has its origin in early times.

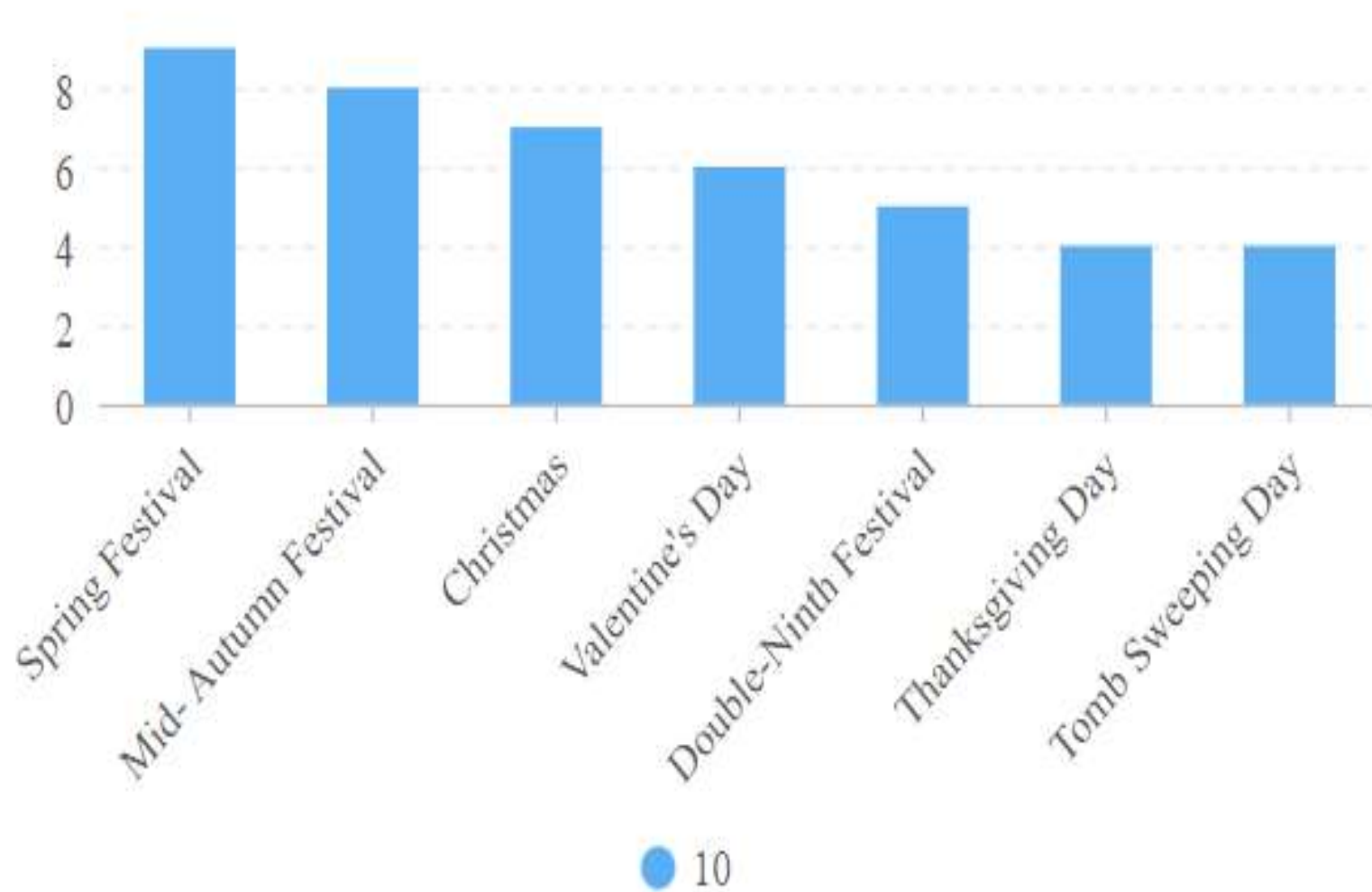
冬至吃饺子的习俗由来已久。

The custom of Winter Solstice



Foreign festival		Similar Chinese festival	Similarity
Festival	Country		
Yi Peng Lantern Festival	Thailand	the Lantern Festival	On both festivals people make lanterns.
Midsummer's Day	Sweden	the Dragon Boat Festival	Both are celebrated for the midsummer.
the Day of the Dead	Mexico	the Qingming Festival	Both are celebrated for people to remember their loved ones who are no longer with them.

Result of the survey : Which festival do you enjoy most ?



will you stop celebrating festivals and observing our customs?

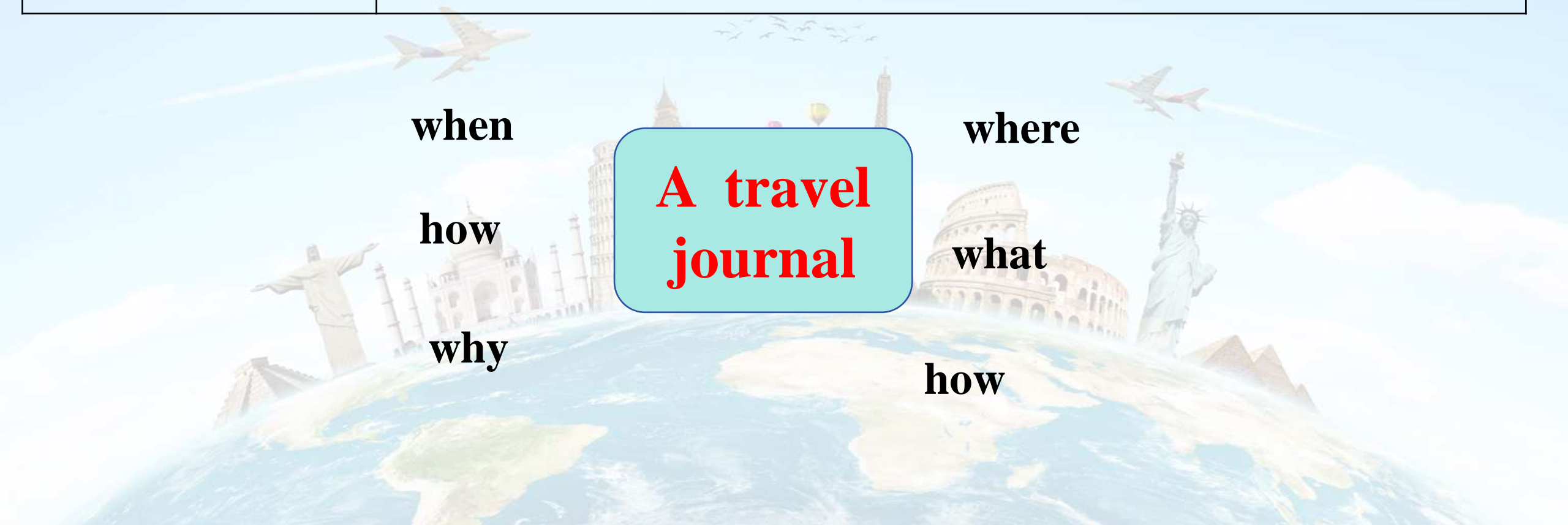
What attitude should we take towards foreign festivals and customs as well as our own?

Travelling is a way to learn about other cultures. The travel journal below was written by Alex Zhang, a travel writer. He shares his experience of attending an Indian wedding and the Rio Carnival.

Alex around the world



Genre(体裁)	A <u>travel journal</u> .
Author	Alex Zhang, a <u>travel writer</u> .
Writing purpose	To share his experiences of attending <u>an Indian wedding</u> and <u>the Rio Carnival</u>



when

where

how

what

why

how

**A travel
journal**

1st Reading

Diary 1

when	10 January
where	India
why	Nadim invited me
how	/
what	1. attended a wedding... 2. danced...

Diary 2

when	26 February
where	Rio, Brazil
why	/
how	by plane
what	2. went to a street party;

1st Reading

1. What is your first impression of the Indian wedding and Rio Carnival ?
2. What do you think of the Chinese weddings you attended?
3. Do we have a similar carnival in China ?



2nd Reading

What did Alex experience there?



place

Guests

Bride
& Bridegroom

Customs



see

hear

smell

feel

2nd Reading



see

hear

smell

feel



lively music
energetic Samba beat
the crowd began to cheer , clap and sing



excited

the spirit of Carnival

2nd Reading

What is the spirit of Carnival ?

It is a celebration of life, joy and free time

It is a time when people from all walks of life gather together to forget their worries and embrace the moment with energetic music ,various food and drinks

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2nd Reading

	India
Place	a brightly decorated hotel room
Guests	hundreds of guests in formal colourful clothes
Bride	wearing an eye-catching red silk sari
Bridegroom	on a beautiful white horse
Customs	The father led the bride to her husband The couple joined hands and walked around a small fire ...and took seven steps together by the fire with a different promise
	dance a lot after ceremony



2nd Reading

1. What is your impression of the Indian wedding and Rio Carnival now? (Use some adjectives to describe your impression)
2. Do we have any festival or custom with carnival spirit in China ?
3. Is Indian wedding completely different from those Chinese wedding you attend ?



Share

	China
Place	well decorated home & hotel
Guests	friends and relatives, not as many as in India
Bride	wearing traditional red costumes or a white wedding dress
Bridegroom	in decorated cars
Customs	<p>The couple serve tea to both parents. Parents give new couple red packets The father led the bride to her husband The couple exchange rings Guests play tricks on the bridegroom... a big dinner</p>



2nd Reading

Just like our traditional festivals share the spirit of carnival, the Chinese wedding and the Indian wedding have much in common.

They are both romantic ,cheeful, moving and full of happiness and hope.



3rd Reading

How did Alex feel about the wedding and carnival?



I was definitely not wrong.

I have never seen tha that back l

It was very romantic.

The opportunity of ... me !

The custom ... ng bu

Luckily, ... ust in time.

I was so caught up in the party
that I hardly noticed fives hour

every --growing sea of people

....the bright colors and livey n
still swimming all around me

What an amazing first day in ...

worthwhile
eye-opening
moving
impressive
unforgettable
extraordinary
...

refresh
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eager
emmersive
grand
amazing
....



to experience

**Q: They are both romantic ,cheeful, moving and full of happiness and hope.
Why did Alex feel refreshing ?**

Similarities help people understand each other.

Differences make each customs and festivals unique.

It is differences that make us who we are.

**Customs and festivals are typical
representation of one's culutre.**



Critical thinking

What we should do with our festivals and our customs?

Cherish and Celebrate

Protect and Preserve

Educate and Promote

Adopt and Adapt



Critical thinking

What attitude should we take towards foreign festivals and customs ?

- Now I know I have two left feet ...and both of them hurt.
- To experience the spirit of carnival for myself, I went to a street play.

When in Rome, do as Romans do .

Experience
& Explore

Learn
& Understand

Respect

Tolerate

Appreciate

Why are they so interested in our festivals and customs?



Would it be possible that they stop celebrating Christmas or Thanksgiving ?

**Customs tells a man
who he is,
where he belongs,
what he must do.**



——Robert Anson Heinlein

Homework

1. Last week , your British friend David attend a Chinese wedding and was amazed. He wants to know some about Chinese wedding. Please write him a letter and tell him.
2. Go on to explore more about ways to help promote our festival and customs.





Lead in

How do you understand the following saying?

Custom tell a man who he is, where he belongs, what he must do.
—— Robert A. Heinlein

Culture

People from
the culture

Original identity,
mother land,
customs

Customs and festivals help foster our cultural identity and responsibility.