

## Worksheet

### I. Birthday traditions around the world

1. Tick the nations mentioned in the video

☐ United States    ☐ Korea    ☒ Dutch    ☒ Jews (Judaism)    ☒ South Africa  
☒ Nigeria    ☒ China    ☒ Germany    ☐ Britain

2. Watch again and figure out the celebrations below.

Germans	<u>25</u>	A man's friends will hang a "sockencranz" or sock wreath, outside of his house.	<u>The old socks</u> are a symbol of his old age.
Jews	12/13	Girls have a bat mitzvah and boys have a bar mitzvah.	The ceremony means <u>a move to the adulthood</u>
South Africa	<u>21</u>	Parents give their child <u>a key</u> .	It stands for <u>real responsibility</u>
China	<u>1</u>	The baby is placed in front of books, <u>flowers, stationery, coins, toys...</u> and asked to get something.	The items the baby reaches for indicate <u>its future interests</u>
<i>where</i>	<u>when</u>	<u>how</u>	<u>why</u>

### II. The Coming -of-Age Ceremony in South Korea

<i>Aspects mentioned</i>	<i>Key Information</i>	<i>Language Features</i>
<b>when</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of May <u>19</u> years old	<i>Passive voice and vivid verbs: give; celebrate; end up with..., express, remind, symbolize; Language used as reference or give further explanation: such as..., for...</i>
<b>how</b>	wear <u>traditional clothes</u> given <u>a speech of encouragement</u> end up with <u>grace bows</u> to their parents	
<b>why</b>	<u>celebrate</u> privilege <u>reminded of</u> real responsibilities <u>express</u> gratitude to their parents <u>symbolize</u> the beginning of the journey ahead	

### III. Think for a while: What elements or activities impress you most? Why?

Possible answer:

*I think the most striking part to me is they offer a bow to their parents. We have a lot in common with Koreans in values. Sometimes, we take the love from parents for granted. Raising us up, parents have devoted a lot to our transition to adulthood. If given the chance, we should express our gratitude to our parents for everything we have received.*

#### IV. Discussion: Why do we preserve traditions?

Find as much as the importance of preserving traditions. Please write it down.

Points of view for reference:

- \*Traditions give us a sense of comfort and belonging.
- \*Traditions reinforce values such as freedom, faith, integrity, a good education, personal responsibility, a strong work ethic, and the value of being selfless.
- \*Traditions emphasize the things that really matter in life.
- \*Traditions offer a chance to say “thank you” for the contribution that someone has made.
- \*Traditions help discover diversity, and unite as a country.
- \*Traditions serve as an avenue for creating lasting memories for our families and friends.
- \*Traditions offer an excellent context for meaningful pause and reflection.

Possible Answer:

*Traditions represent a critical piece of our culture. They help form the structure and foundation of our families and our society. They remind us that we are part of a history that defines our past, shapes who we are today and who we are likely to become. Once we ignore the meaning of our traditions, we’re losing our cultural identity.*

#### V. Homework:

1. Finish Exercise IV on Page 58 in Students’ Book: List the elements or activities necessary to describe a coming-of-age ceremony.
2. Make a video presentation in groups and you can:
  - ◆ Please form in the groups of 4 on your own.
  - ◆ Choose four nations or areas to introduce their birthday traditions within 1 minute of each.  
You may choose some nations or areas you are interested.
  - ◆ Make a plan and distribute tasks to each group member.
  - ◆ Surf online for references to enrich your content and make a script before shooting.
  - ◆ Organize the introduction in the pattern today with vivid pictures and graphs, using words and phrases learnt . You can make it very interesting and attractive.
  - ◆ Edit the video presentation and upload it to Study Group online within one week.
  - ◆ Grade and comment on the videos each other according to the rubrics given.
  - ◆ Every one of your group should be in charge of a part of the video.

<b><i>Rubrics</i></b>	<b><i>Tick</i></b>
The video last for around 4-6 minutes for four nations or areas covered.	
The introduction follows the pattern learnt.	
The traditions mentioned have been studied online to be richer to write them.	
The language is clear and easy to understand, using the pattern and languages learnt.	
The voice and pronunciation are good in the video.	
The video is well organized and attractive to watch.	
The task is well-distributed and every one of the team is contributing well.	
No late submission	

***Can-do Statements for this lesson:***

- I can understand the clips given and grasp the key information. ☐
- I can clarify and conclude the discourse pattern used to introduce a tradition. ☐
- I can tell my own understanding of the traditions and the reasons to maintain them. ☐
- I can shoot a short video to introduce one nation's birthday traditions. ☐