

Holidays and festivals

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MASLENNITSA

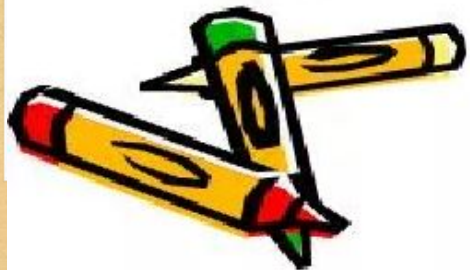
Phonetic warm-up

I see a cat. - The cat is fat.

You see a pig. - The pig is big.

We see a ball. - The ball is
small.

They see a star. - The star is
far.



Complete the sentences.

1. Maslenitsa is one of the...
2. Warm, round, and golden-...
3. The festival is...
4. In the 18th century there were...
5. In this way people say good bye to...
6. Russian pancakes (blini) are very...
7. Troika rides, sledging, puppet theater, pole climbing, tug-of-war contests...

What do you think: are these statements **true** or **false**?

1. Maslenitsa is a summer festival.
2. A pancake was a symbol of the Sun in pagan (языческой) Russia.
3. The celebrations last a whole week.
4. Burning the scarecrow (чучело) Maslenitsa begins the celebrations.

Answer the questions.

**1. What traditional dish is served at
Maslenitsa?**

pancakes



2. Why is it an important part of celebrations?

**Blini are
a symbol
of the sun**



**3. What is the difference between
bear shows in the past
and today?**



But now
it is an actor

In the 18th century
there was bear



What things do you enjoy doing best?

- pole climbing
- puppet theatre
- singing
- dancing in colorful costumes
- tug-of-war contest
- troika riding
- watching a bear show
- cooking pancakes

I enjoy...

Good bye, Maslenitsa!

