



Segment 4 (Units 5–8)

Fabulous prizes

Genre: Game show

Viewing Time: 2:51

Background Information

This program is framed as a game show, offering contestants different destinations for travel. The show highlights celebrations in various places—Mexico City, Hong Kong, and Ottawa—and provides short explanations of the events.

Vocabulary for Comprehension

Preview the vocabulary with your students.

acrobat: *someone who does difficult physical actions such as walking on his/her hands or balancing on a high rope*

altar: *a table or raised structure used in a religious ceremony*

cemetery: *an area of land where dead people are buried*

coffin: *the box in which a dead person is buried*

firecracker: *a small explosive device that explodes loudly, usually used when celebrating a special day*

fireworks: *colorful explosives that people burn when celebrating a special day*

highlight: *the most important or exciting part of a movie, sports event, etc.*

parade: *to march together to celebrate or protest something*

skull: *the bones of a person's or animal's head*

Answer Key

Previewing (Answers may vary—as long as they are appropriate guesses, accept them for now.)

1. Mexico, Hong Kong, and Canada.
2. The Day of the Dead celebration; Chinese New Year celebration (parades, fireworks); Canada Day (street performers, parades, fireworks)
3. Drums, fireworks, music
4. It's about celebrations in different countries.

In-Depth Viewing

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| 1. F - The Day of the Dead is a fun, happy holiday. | 4. T |
| 2. T | 5. F - Canada Day is on July 1 |
| 3. F - Chinese New Year celebrations last for 15 days. | 6. T |



Video Script

Game Show Host: . . . And now, let's take a look at some of the fabulous prizes one lucky contestant can win!

You can choose a wonderful one-week trip to Mexico City, beginning on October 30. While you're there, you'll experience Mexico's unique "Día de los Muertos" —the Day of the Dead! Don't worry—the Day of the Dead isn't scary or sad. It's a fun, happy holiday!

The Mexican people believe that on November 1st and 2nd, their dead relatives come back to visit with the living. Families make altars in their homes to welcome their family members. They decorate the altars with food, flowers, candles, and photos of their loved ones. Then, people come to pay their respects. At night, the families go to the cemeteries where their loved ones are buried. They have picnics and plant flowers on the graves.

You'll never forget this beautiful and touching festival. And these delicious Day of the Dead candies make great souvenirs! Candies shaped like skulls and coffins . . . aren't they wonderful??

Or . . . you can choose a spectacular one-week trip to Hong Kong to celebrate Chinese New Year! The Chinese New Year celebration lasts for 15 days. On New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, the Chinese spend time with their families and eat special New Year's food. Then the real fun begins! Everyone heads out into the streets to watch lion dances, acrobats, and theatrical shows. Look at that shiny lion move!

And don't miss the fireworks! Some Chinese believe that firecrackers can scare away evil spirits, so they're a big part of the New Year celebration. Hong Kong has some of the biggest, loudest, and most beautiful fireworks in the world!

Or . . . you can choose a one-week visit to Ottawa, Canada, beginning on July 1 for Canada Day! This is the day that Canadians celebrate their love for their country.

"Happy Birthday, Canada!"

Join the Canadians as they eat good food, listen to great music, and watch exciting street performers! One highlight of the day is the "Mounties" parade. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police are a famous symbol of Canada. On Canada Day, they parade in their traditional uniforms to show the world what they and their horses can do. Wow!