

Holiday Look Alikes

Students compare reasons and dates for holidays in the USA and other countries.

SS.K.A.2.3 "Compare our nation's holidays with holidays of other countries' cultures."

NAME _____

DATE _____

Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 CIRCLE IT _____

a	Same	Different	Country
b	Same	Different	Holiday
c	Country	Different	Same

2 WRITE S OR D _____

MemorialDay	
NewYear	

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read each holiday fact aloud and have students decide whether the holidays are alike or different in the named way. Students show comparison by circling a word or writing S or D.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 • CIRCLE IT

SAY “Listen to each pair of holiday facts. After each one, circle the word that tells whether the holidays are alike or different in the way I ask about.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	July Fourth in the USA and Independence Day in Mexico both celebrate their countries becoming free. Are their reasons for celebration the same or different? Circle a word.	Same
b	July Fourth in the USA is in July. Independence Day in Mexico is in September. Are the months the same or different? Circle a word.	Different
c	Thanksgiving in the USA and Thanksgiving in Canada are both times to give thanks. Are their reasons for celebration the same or different? Circle a word.	Same

PART 2 • WRITE S OR D

SAY “Write S if two holidays are alike in the way I ask about, or write D if they are different. In the box by MemorialDay, U.S. Memorial Day and Korea's Memorial Day honor people who died while serving their country, are their reasons alike or different? In the box by NewYear, New Year's Day in the USA is January 1 and Lunar New Year in China is on a date that changes each year, are their dates alike or different?”

- Box 1 (beside MemorialDay): **S**
- Box 2 (beside NewYear): **D**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Circle-row answers are Same, Different, Same. Accept uppercase or lowercase S for Memorial Day and D for New Year.