

Toronto Traditions

Find ways one community includes many cultures and celebrations.

3.5b "Communities around the world can be diverse in terms of their members, languages spoken, customs and traditions, and religious beliefs and practices. People in world communities celebrate various holidays and festivals."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline details about languages, circle customs or religious practices, and number each holiday or festival detail so you can see the many ways people in one community may be alike and different.

Many Traditions in Toronto

- ① In the city of Toronto, Canada, people have roots in many parts of the world. Neighbors may speak English, French, Mandarin, Punjabi, Arabic, or other languages at home. At school and work, people can meet community members whose families have different histories. This mix of members and languages shapes daily life in the city each day.
- ② Toronto communities follow many religious beliefs, and some people do not follow a religion. Some families attend churches, mosques, synagogues, temples, or other places for worship. Families also keep customs, such as sharing special foods, music, clothing, or stories at home. These practices can be important to a family, even when neighbors practice different traditions of their own.
- ③ During the year, Toronto residents celebrate many holidays and festivals. For example, some people celebrate Lunar New Year with family meals and gifts. Some celebrate Diwali by lighting lamps, and some celebrate Eid al-Fitr after Ramadan. Toronto also holds public events, such as Caribbean Carnival celebrations. Not every person celebrates the same events, but people can learn respectfully about one another's traditions.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What does the passage say about the histories of families in Toronto?

2 Name two languages that neighbors may speak at home.

3 Give two examples of customs families may keep.

4 What activities does the passage describe for Lunar New Year and Diwali?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Think of a holiday, festival, or tradition in your community. Write three sentences that tell who takes part, what people do, and one way it is like or unlike a celebration in Toronto.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline details about languages, circle customs or religious practices, and number each holiday or festival detail so you can see the many ways people in one community may be alike and different. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does the passage say about the histories of families in Toronto?	Families in Toronto may have roots in many parts of the world and different histories.
2	Name two languages that neighbors may speak at home.	Answers may include English, French, Mandarin, Punjabi, or Arabic.
3	Give two examples of customs families may keep.	Answers may include sharing special foods, music, clothing, or stories at home.
4	What activities does the passage describe for Lunar New Year and Diwali?	Lunar New Year may include family meals and gifts. Diwali may include lighting lamps.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

In my community, many families celebrate a harvest festival at the community center. People share food and listen to music. Like Toronto's Caribbean Carnival celebrations, our festival brings people together.

Accept accurate details from the passage for Parts 1 and 2. For Your Turn, accept any respectful three-sentence response that describes a community celebration or tradition and makes a clear comparison to a Toronto celebration.