Tahák k maturitě z anglického jazyka

FESTIVALY A OUTDOROVÉ DÍNAKY V REPUBLIČKÉ, VELKÉM BRITÁNII A USA

Festival v Great Britain

Letou marně s Britami.

Ježíšek

Britské první flash day in is a New Year’s Day, celebrated on January 1st, when titles and decorations are conferred by the sovereign.

Fehér

Tahák je St. Valentine’s Day, on February 14th. It is the lover’s day. On this day young people send Valentine cards to their sweethearts, usually anonymously, and exchange gifts. Originally this day commemorated the Roman priest who gave and comforted to the persecuted Christians before he was put to death.

March

In March, two feast days are celebrated: St. Patrick’s (the patron saint of Ireland) Day on 1st March and St. Patrick’s (the patron saint of Ireland) Day on 17th March.

April

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May

Three other festivals are celebrated in May. The first is May Day on 1st May when political parties of the left hold processions and public meetings. On the second Sunday in May, the Mother’s Day is celebrated, and the last Monday in May is the Bank Holiday, when banks and shops are closed. People often spend it going for excursions or on the coast if possible.

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July

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November

November 23rd is the Day of Remembrance. It is the day on which the United Nations Day was appointed in order to commemorate the end of the War. This day is celebrated by the churches, and it is a day of remembering all those who lost their lives in the War.

December

December 25th is the most celebrated Christmas. December 24th is Christmas Eve, December 25th is Christmas day and December 26th is Boxing Day. The New Year’s Eve is celebrated on 31st December.

Festivals in U.S.A.

Now let’s speak about the USA.

January

The third Monday is Martin Luther King’s Day. This man was a black leader and civil rights campaigner, who demanded racial equality.

February

February 14th is Valentine’s Day, or as it is celebrated in Japan, the day of roses for men and carnations for women. It is a day for lovers to express their love for each other.

March

Easter is not a national holiday. Most Americans spend Easter Sunday with their families. Many people give children and grandchildren gifts and sweets. In some families an egg hunt is organized, where children look for eggs hidden by adults.

May

On the second Sunday in May, the Mother’s Day is celebrated. The fourth Monday in May is the Memorial Day, honoring the men who killed in all the wars and most recently of all the dead. It also marks the beginning of the summer season.

June

The Father’s Day is on the third Sunday in June.

July

On July 4th the Independence Day is celebrated. It commemorate the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, thus establishing the USA.

September

The first Monday in September is the Labor Day, honoring all the working people and celebrated by a day of rest. It makes the end of summer.

October

On the 120th anniversary of the discovery of America in 1492 called the Columbus Day is celebrated. As in Great Britain, Halloween is celebrated on October 31st.

November

Two festivals are celebrated in November – Veteran’s Day honoring veterans of all wars on 11th November and the Thanksgiving Day on the 4th Thursday. It is an occasion for the family to be together, celebrated by a traditional dinner whose main courses are turkey.

December

When celebrating Christmas, Americans of British origin follow the same traditions as their ancestors. But Christmas is not a family holiday, homes, family members invite friends to join them at Christmas dinner and they often give presents at Christmas-time.

Festivals in Czech Republic

At last, let me introduce Czech festivals and holidays.

January

They also start with the New Year’s Day on 1st January.

February

Following St. Valentine’s Day is not only original Czech tradition, but in the last years it is celebrated as well as in the USA, where it has been assumed.

April

Easter is celebrated on the last Sunday in March or the first one in April. The following Monday is free – it’s Easter Monday.

May

Three festivals are celebrated in May – The Festival of work on 1st May, the Day of liberation from fascism on 5th May (these two days are bank holidays) and the Mother’s Day on the second Sunday.

June

On 1st June is the Children’s Day when many games are played and entertaining programmes arranged.

July

July 5th is the Day of the Slavonic faith-bringers Cyril and Methodius and the following day, July 6th in an anniversary of the birth of Master Jan Hus, a Hussite movement founder. These two days are bank holidays.

September

September 28th is the Day of St. Wenceslas, patron saint of the Czech lands, and the month later, on October 28th, the Day of inception of the Czech independent state is celebrated.

November

November 2nd is All Saints’ Day honoring all the dead, when people usually go to cemeteries, put flowers on the graves, light candles and reminisce with their dead relatives and friends. November 17th is the Day of

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