

Special Day

Which day is the most important for you each year? Is it your birthday? Perhaps the birthday of someone you love? Or an anniversary? Many people have their own special days and want to celebrate them in some distinctive way. The celebration may be a special treat, or dining out, or a gift, perhaps a trip. Maybe even a greeting card is enough to mark the occasion. But the point is that the day symbolizes some important event, and that it's important to recognize by other significant people as well.

Traditional holidays are also important, but they have social significance instead of a person meaning. Usually some religious or national figure is commemorated. These occasions may be marked by community celebrations or, especially, by family get together. As families become more fragmented and scattered, these holidays become more important since they provide a chance for people to share their lives with each other again.

Vocabularies

Commemorate: To honor the memory of a person, group or event

Fragment: To break or split into small parts

Comprehension

1. Does the celebration of special occasions always have to be expensive?
2. In how many ways can we celebrate special days?
3. Why do you think that we have to celebrate traditional holidays?