

# Teacher's Guide for the New English Curriculum

## Eighth Grade

### Unit 3 Dialogs 2018

#### Let's Celebrate: Holidays with My Family

**Friend 1:** Did you go to the bullfight yesterday?

**Friend 2:** I did! I went with my family. It was so much fun.

**Friend 1:** What did you do there?

**Friend 2:** Outside the arena, people were selling traditional food. So, before we went inside, we bought some food to take to our seats.

**Friend 1:** What else did you see?

**Friend 2:** We watched a man in a traditional bullfighter costume fight the bull. It was intense! What did you do yesterday?

**Friend 1:** I went to a small carnival with rides and games in the park. There were fireworks and carnival food. I rode so many rides, I almost got sick!

**Friend 2:** Awesome! It sounds like we both had good days yesterday!

#### Let's Celebrate: Latin American Holidays and Festivals

**Friend 1:** Carnaval this year was amazing!

**Friend 2:** I didn't go to any carnival celebrations – tell me everything!

**Friend 1:** Of course, there were dancers dressed in costumes full of feathers and bright colors. Their African-inspired dances are so interesting to watch.

**Friend 2:** That sounds amazing! What else happened?

**Friend 1:** People were wearing masks and there was loud music.

**Friend 2:** Did you dance?

**Friend 1:** Of course I did! You can't go to carnival and not dance! I can't wait to go again next year!

**Friend 2:** If you go again next year, take me with you!

#### Let's Celebrate: Holidays and Festivals around the World

**American:** I'm so happy to be here in Costa Rica. I want to learn all about your customs and traditions.

**Costa Rican:** We will talk about those later – first, I want to learn about American holidays! What do you guys celebrate in the United States?

**American:** Well, the biggest holidays that people celebrate are Christmas, Thanksgiving, Halloween, and 4th of July.

**Costa Rican:** What is the 4th of July?

**American:** It is our country's Independence Day.

**Costa Rican:** What do people do on the 4th of July?

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**American:** Families and friends gather together and they usually spend time outside because the weather is very warm and sunny in July.

**Costa Rican:** What do they do outside?

**American:** Usually people have a barbeque with hotdogs and hamburgers. Some people like to play games outside, like throwing a frisbee, or playing catch with a baseball.

**Costa Rican:** So people spend time together and eat. Do they do anything else?

**American:** The most important part of the 4th of July is the fireworks show at night. People in every city come together in a park or near a river to watch hundreds of fireworks with their families and friends. It's a really nice holiday.

**Costa Rican:** That sounds great. Maybe one day, I can go to the United States and celebrate the 4th of July!

#### A Holiday to Remember: One of My Favorites

**Friend 1:** What is your favorite holiday?

**Friend 2:** My favorite holiday is Christmas, of course.

**Friend 1:** Why do you say "of course"?

**Friend 1:** Because it is the most exciting holiday! You get presents, you get to eat good food, and you get to spend time with your loved ones!

**Friend 2:** Yeah, usually Christmas is great, but this year, I didn't get the gift I wanted!

**Friend 1:** What did you want?

**Friend 2:** I wanted a new video game, but I didn't get it.

**Friend 1:** Well, Christmas was just two days ago – are you sure nobody is going to buy you that video game?

**Friend 2:** I don't know...

(Friend 1 reaches into his/her backpack and gives Friend 2 the video game)

**Friend 1:** Surprise! We didn't see each other before Christmas, so I couldn't give it to you earlier.

**Friend 2:** Wow! Thank you! Now I will remember this Christmas forever!

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