

1 Read, choose and complete.

NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS IN BULGARIA

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On New Year's Eve, people usually go to the
1) _____ in our town. Everyone meets
there and when it's time, we all count down to
midnight together. Then we look at the beautiful

2) _____ in the sky!

After that, we 3) _____ to traditional music
and 4) _____, too!

On New Year's Day, children get together and
go from house to house. They take a **survachka**
with them, a decorated wooden 5) _____.
The children use this to pat friends and
6) _____ on the back and wish them
good health.

We also eat **banitsa**, a delicious 7) _____
pie, on New Year's Day. We put small pieces of
8) _____ with wishes on them in the pie!
New Year is a lot of fun in Bulgaria!



fireworks



listen



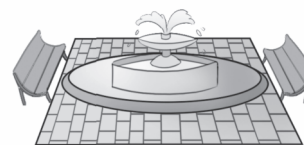
dance



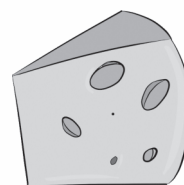
family



stick



square



cheese



paper

2 Write a wish on a piece of paper to put in the banitsa this year!



Happy New Year!
Full of fun and cheer!

I wish you get a great toy
because you're a very good boy!

Baba Marta Day



1 Read and choose the correct answer.

How much do you know about Baba Marta Day?

- 1 Baba Marta Day is on
a 1st March.
b 31st March.
c 15th March.

- 4 Sometimes on a martenitsa there are two dolls. Their names are
a Peter and Penda.
b Pizho and Panda.
c Pizho and Penda.

- 2 On Baba Marta Day we celebrate
a the beginning of spring.
b the beginning of winter.
c the end of spring.

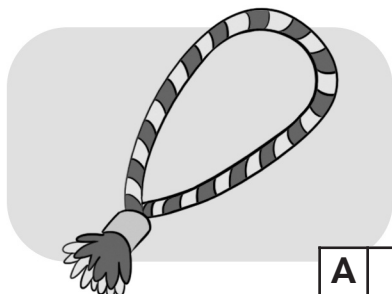
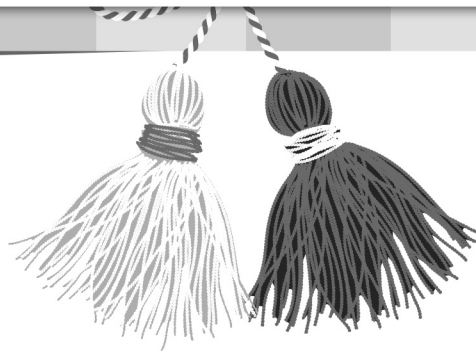
- 5 A martenitsa is always
a white and green.
b green and red.
c red and white.

- 3 People say that it rains in March because Baba Marta is
a happy.
b angry.
c bored.

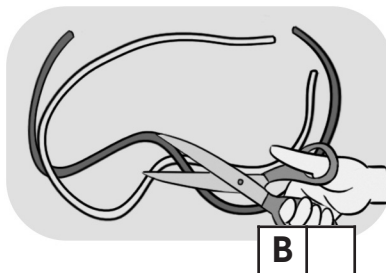
- 6 Don't throw the martenitsa away!
a Put it on a cat.
b Put it on a tree.
c Put it in your bag.

2 Read and number the pictures.

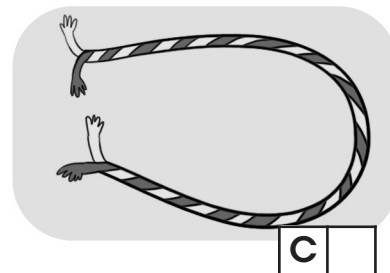
- 1 Cut red and white wool into pieces about 30cm long and tie them up at one end.
2 Twist them together and mix up the colours.
3 Well done! Your martenitsa is ready. Give it to your friend!



A



B



C

- Now make a martenitsa for your friend!

the Rose Festival

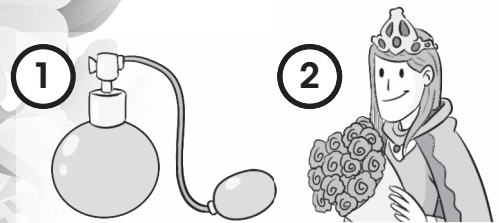
Bulgaria is famous for its **roses** and its rose oil. Rose oil comes from the **petals** of the flowers. It smells wonderful and people use it in **perfume**.

Every year, on the first weekend of June in Kazanlak people celebrate the Rose Festival.

There are many things to see and do there. You can help choose the **Queen** of Roses, pick roses, watch beautiful **parades** in the streets, dance and listen to traditional music.

Come and join in the fun!

1 Read the text and label the pictures.



• **Read again and answer the questions.**

- 1 When is the Rose Festival? _____
- 2 Where does it take place? _____
- 3 What can you do at the Rose Festival? _____

2 THINK! Choose the correct words from the list.

We use rose petals and rose oil to make...

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|---------|---------|
| 1 _____ | 4 _____ |
| 2 _____ | 5 _____ |
| 3 _____ | 6 _____ |



- cola
- sweets/lokum
- perfume
- chocolate
- soap
- pizza
- jam
- honey

New Year Celebrations in Bulgaria

Ex. 1

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|-------------|----------|
| 1 square | 5 stick |
| 2 fireworks | 6 family |
| 3 listen | 7 cheese |
| 4 dance | 8 paper |

Ex. 2

Pupils write a wish on a small piece of paper then roll it up to put on the banitsa.

Suggested answer key

I wish you a year
Full of health and fun!

Baba Marta Day!

Ex. 1

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|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 a | 3 b | 5 c |
| 2 a | 4 c | 6 b |

Ex. 2

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|-----|-----|-----|
| A 3 | B 1 | C 2 |
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The Rose Festival

Ex. 1

- | | |
|-----------|----------|
| 1 perfume | 4 parade |
| 2 queen | 5 petals |
| 3 roses | |

- 1 The Rose Festival is on the first weekend of June.
- 2 It takes place in Kazanluk.
- 3 You can help choose the Queen of Roses, pick roses, watch beautiful parades in the streets, listen to traditional music and dance.

Ex. 2

- 1 sweets/lokum
- 2 perfume
- 3 chocolate
- 4 soap
- 5 jam
- 6 honey