

Unit 12: Celebrations

Giving Reasons

A Match the celebrations to the reasons people celebrate them.

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| _____ 1. a birthday | a. to begin the new year in a good way |
| _____ 2. New Year's Day | b. to honor the women who raise children |
| _____ 3. an anniversary | c. to remember a country's independence |
| _____ 4. Independence Day | d. to recognize the day someone was born |
| _____ 5. Mother's Day | e. to honor a couple's marriage / relationship |

B Read the text.

Writers often need to give reasons to explain and support their topic sentences. Below are some common words and phrases that can be used to describe reasons:

- *because*
*I ran to school **because** I got up late.*
- *since*
*I'll call her tomorrow **since** it's her birthday.*
- *so*
*It's a special day, **so** everyone eats cake.*
- infinitive of purpose (*to + verb*)
*We light candles **to honor** family members who have died.*

C Read the following paragraph and underline the reasons the writer gives.

Chuseok is a meaningful holiday for me because it's a time when Korean people honor their families. The exact date of Chuseok changes from year to year since it depends on the lunar calendar. Some families visit the cemetery, bringing food or flowers to honor their ancestors. Most importantly, Korean people want to be with their families at Chuseok time, so it's a very popular time to travel.

D Write your own paragraph about a holiday that is important to you. Give reasons using *because*, *since*, *so*, or infinitives of purpose.
