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Week 1

Write the meanings of these idioms in English

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- 1.all good
- 2.kiwi(#1)
- 3.cabbie
- 4.brutal
- 5.cancer stick
- 6.burned out(#3)
- 7.wicked(#1)
- 8.GOAT(adj.)
- 9.a no-win situation
- 10.babe(#1)
- 11.bash(verb)
- 12.Brit
- 13.Canuck
- 14.cranky
- 15.crap(noun uncountable)
- 16.crybaby
- 17.get a grip
- 18.grungy

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S. Korea lantern festival on UNESCO heritage list

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The United Nations has given a special award to a festival in South Korea. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) decided to add South Korea's Lotus Lantern Festival to its list of intangible

cultural heritage of humanity. The festival was one of 25 things the UN decided to add to its heritage list this year. Some things that UNESCO adds to its heritage list are tangible - this means we can touch them. Examples are the Pyramids in Egypt or Machu Picchu in Peru. If something is intangible, we generally cannot touch it. Events like South Korea's Lotus Lantern Festival or a dance or a method for weaving baskets are examples of intangible heritage.

South Korea's Lotus Lantern Festival is a springtime event that is held to celebrate Buddha's birthday on April the 8th. It symbolizes lighting up the world to make things fair for everyone. The festival dates back two millennia. Historians say there was an ancient kingdom in 57BC where royals visited a temple to see lotus lanterns. Today, it is one of South Korea's biggest festivals. People make lanterns with paper and bamboo. They decorate temples with these. Many villages, towns and cities hold parades in which the lanterns are carried through the streets. A spokesperson said: "We will try to make the festival a cultural heritage that can be loved by people around the world regardless of their religion."

Sources: koreabizwire.com / koreaherald.com / kbs.co.kr

True / False

- UNICEF gave a South Korean festival a special award. T / F
- There are now 25 aspects of Korean heritage on the United Nations list. T / F
- Machu Picchu is an example of tangible heritage. T / F
- A basket weaving method is an example of intangible heritage. T / F
- The lantern festival in South Korea celebrates Buddha's birthday. T / F
- The lantern festival dates back 200 years. T / F
- The lanterns are made from paper and wood. T / F
- A spokesperson wants the festival to be popular worldwide. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. award | a. normally |
| 2. humanity | b. despite |
| 3. generally | c. procedure |
| 4. method | d. just |
| 5. examples | e. humankind |
| 6. celebrate | f. attempt |
| 7. fair | g. instances |
| 8. decorate | h. prize |
| 9. try | i. adorn |
| 10. regardless | j. commemorate |

Discussion - Student A

- What do you think about what you read?
- What festivals in your country do you like most?
- What do you know about Buddha?
- What do you know about lotus flowers?
- What were festivals like two millennia ago?
- What street parades do you like?
- Should there be a world festival?
- What questions would you like to ask UNESCO?

Writing

Festivals are an essential part of culture. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

award / festival / list / humanity / heritage / Pyramids / touch / Peru / weaving / springtime / celebrate / lighting / fair / ancient / kingdom / paper bamboo / religion

S.Korea lantern festival on UNESCO heritage list
(Answer these questions)

1.What is UNESCO?

2.What does intangible mean?
Tangible?

3.What are examples of things on the intangible list?

4.What are examples of things on the tangible list?

5.What is the Lantern Festival?

When is it?

What does it symbolize?

What do people do during this festival?

6.What are some other festivals in Korea?(Name 5)

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.

7.Tell me about the last festival you went to

8.What does heritage mean?

What do you think is the most important part of heritage?

(festivals? music? architecture? natural landscapes? something else?)