

# A big bang

**Theme** Festivals and special occasions

- 1 A In Britain, people watch firework displays on 5<sup>th</sup> November. When do people celebrate with fireworks in these countries? Compare your answers with the rest of the class.

Brazil China France United States of America


- B  Now listen and check.



- 2 A  Work with a partner. Describe the firework display and say why fireworks are popular for celebrations.

*The bright lights make brilliant patterns in the sky.*

- B  Compare your answers with another pair.

- 3  Work in a group of three or four. Choose three other places or times and ask your group about firework celebrations.

*When are there fireworks in ...?*

*Who celebrates with fireworks on ...?*

- 4  Listen and practise saying these dates.

1<sup>st</sup> May 21<sup>st</sup> June 4<sup>th</sup> July 14<sup>th</sup> July 5<sup>th</sup> November 31<sup>st</sup> December

**5 A Match the sentences (a–e) to the pictures (1–5) to tell the story of Guy Fawkes and Bonfire Night.**



- a On November 5<sup>th</sup>, Guy Fawkes brought barrels of gunpowder and put them in the cellar under the Houses of Parliament.
- b In 1605, Guy Fawkes and his friends planned to kill the king of England and put a different king in his place.
- c The king's soldiers arrested Guy Fawkes and threw him into prison.
- d On 5<sup>th</sup> November every year, people celebrate saving the king's life by lighting bonfires and setting off fireworks.
- e The king found out about the plan.

**B** 😊😬 **Work with a partner. Cover the text. Take turns to tell the story, using only the pictures.**

**6** 😊😬 **Work with a partner. Tell your partner about a firework celebration. When do people celebrate, and why?**

*In ... people celebrate on ... They are celebrating ...*

**General conversation**

Practise asking and answering these questions with your partner.

- When do you have fireworks in your country?
- What are you celebrating?
- What happens?
- What other festivals do you celebrate?

! Remember to ask the examiner at least one question like these.

**Your topic**

Possible title of topic:  
An important festival in my country

**Possible points for discussion**

- What it's called and when we celebrate it
- What happens
- What people wear
- Special food and drink
- Why celebrating festivals is important

! Remember to write five different points on your topic form.

! Remember to ask the examiner at least one question about the topic.

**Bring something to show ...**  
... for example, a photo, an object connected with the festival.