

Интерактивный урок «British and American Traditions and Holidays»

Урок подготовлен для 7 класса углублённого уровня.

Время проведения — 40 минут.

Цели урока

1. Образовательная цель:

- формирование и расширение знаний учащихся о традициях и праздниках Великобритании и США;
- развитие навыков аудирования, чтения и говорения на основе темы праздников и культурных традиций англоязычных стран.

2. Развивающая цель:

- развитие умения сравнивать культурные особенности стран;
- совершенствование навыков работы с информацией (анализ, выделение главного);
- расширение словарного запаса по теме.

3. Воспитательная цель:

- воспитание уважения к культурному разнообразию;
- формирование позитивного отношения к изучению иностранного языка и межкультурной коммуникации.

Задачи урока

1. Языковые задачи:

- освоить и закрепить лексику по заданной теме;
- тренировать умение использовать лексику в контексте (описание праздников, традиций, сравнение стран).

2. Коммуникативные задачи

- развивать навыки устной речи через мини-диалоги, презентации, обсуждения;
- развивать навыки понимания аутентичных текстов/аудио о британских и американских праздниках.

3. Социокультурные задачи:

- познакомить учащихся с ключевыми праздниками Великобритании и США;
- научить видеть сходства и различия между традициями стран.

Оборудование и материалы:

- мультимедийная презентация с проектором / интерактивной доской
- короткие видеоролики (1-2 минуты)
- QR-коды, привязанные к заданиям (Kahoot/Quizlet)
- карточки команд, флэш-карты, конверты с распечатанными заданиями, мини-квесты / головоломки

LESSON FLOW

1. Warm-up: Team Battle “Guess the Holiday!” (4 minutes)

The class is divided into **3 teams**.

Teacher shows 5 pictures very quickly (3 seconds each): fireworks, pumpkin, flags, turkey, guards.

Teams write down **which holiday each picture might represent** (Bonfire Night, Halloween, Independence Day, etc.).

Each correct guess = **1 point**.

2. Vocabulary Quest “Find and Match” (6 minutes)

Students receive **envelopes** with vocabulary cards.

Words: *heritage, commemoration, customary, festivities, symbolic meaning, to observe, nationwide, public ceremony, patriotic, gathering.*

Task 1 (team): Match the word to the definition.

Teams race to complete the matching set correctly.

1st place – 3 points, 2nd – 2 points, 3rd – 1 point.

Task 2 (team challenge): Create a Meme.

Teams choose **1 word** and create a **quick visual meme** or funny micro-illustration explaining the word.

They present it in 10 –15 seconds.

Class votes for the funniest → +2 points.

3. Video Activity (listening + speaking): “Spot the Tradition” (8 minutes)

Teacher plays **2 short videos**:

1. Bonfire Night (1 minute)
2. Thanksgiving (1 minute)

Task A: Video Bingo (teams)

Each team has a Bingo card with words:

fireworks, parade, feast, gratitude, monarchy, costumes, history, family, soldiers, nationwide.

Students cross out words they see/hear.

First team with 5 in a line — **wins 3 points**.

Task B: Discussion

In pairs (within teams):

- What tradition surprised you the most?
- Which one feels more “British”? More “American”? Why?

Teams share 1 idea each.

4. Reading Adventure: “The Holiday Detective Mission” (13 minutes)

Students receive a **short adapted text**.

Mission Steps (teams)

Step 1: Find the Clues

Teams must underline:

- 3 British traditions
- 2 American holidays
- 2 similarities between the countries

Step 2: Solve 3 detective riddles

(teacher prepares small riddles based on the text)

Examples:

1. *Which holiday includes burning an effigy?*
2. *Which event celebrates the monarch?*
3. *Which American holiday focuses on gratitude?*

Each correct solution = 1 point.

Step 3: Secret Synonym Hunt

Find synonyms in the text:

- “celebrated across the whole country”
- “ceremonial public event”
- “to remember officially”
- “typical or traditional”

Teams race → +2 points.

The text:

“Although the United Kingdom and the United States share a common language, many of their traditions and holidays differ greatly. In the UK, one of the most symbolic celebrations is Bonfire Night, observed on November 5th. It commemorates the failed Gunpowder Plot of 1605. People take part in public ceremonies, watch fireworks, and burn an effigy of Guy Fawkes. Another famous British custom is Trooping the Colour, a ceremonial parade celebrating the monarch’s official birthday. It is known for its strict military discipline and colourful costumes.

In the United States, holidays often have a more patriotic or family-oriented character. Independence Day, celebrated nationwide on July 4th, marks the

country's independence from Britain. Americans hold barbecues, gatherings, and grand fireworks displays. Another deeply meaningful holiday is Thanksgiving, celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. It is a customary family holiday that focuses on gratitude, sharing food, and remembering the country's early history.

Despite their differences, both Britain and America value traditions that bring people together and remind them of their cultural heritage.”

5. Vocabulary Relay Race (5 minutes)

Each team stands in a line.

Teacher says a sentence with a missing word.

Example:

1. Thanksgiving is a _____ family holiday.
2. The parade was extremely _____.
3. A large _____ formed in front of the White House.

The first student runs to the board, writes the correct word form (*customary, patriotic, gathering, etc.*) and returns.

Fastest team → points.

6. Final Kahoot / Quiz (or paper quiz) (3 minutes)

3 quick questions:

1. Bonfire Night is in...
a) May b) July c) November
2. Thanksgiving is about...
a) gratitude b) fireworks c) gifts
3. Trooping the Colour is connected with...
a) the monarch b) sports c) elections

Winning team = **Lesson Champions**

Homework (Write 100–120 words):

“The holiday I would like to experience: British or American — and why?”

Use **7 vocabulary words** from the lesson.

Optional: Students may attach a picture, GIF, or short digital poster.