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Before watching

1 Discuss this question with your partner.

What's your favourite time / period of the year? Christmas, spring, the summer holidays?
Give some reasons for your preference.

2 Now complete this short quiz about holidays and festivities in the UK.

- How many Bank Holidays (= *feste nazionali*) do you think there are in the UK, including the Christmas and Easter periods?
a. 10. b. 15. c. 8.
- St. Patrick is the Patron Saint of
a. Ireland. b. England. c. Scotland.
- St George is the Patron Saint of
a. Ireland. b. England. c. Scotland.
- Halloween is on November 1st. Right or wrong?
- Halloween is an American celebration. Right or wrong?
- The Friday before Easter is called:
a. Holy Friday. b. Good Friday. c. Saint Friday.

While watching

3 Now watch the video and complete the sentences with the missing information.

- Sheila's favourite time of year is
- Rinonha celebrates but not
- Marta goes away at Christmas and Easter because it's too but she loves
- Marty had a great this year.
- Becky has a big ball after her
- Dominik says there are more in England than in Germany.
- Bob says that is more important than St George's Day in England.
- Cecil thinks St George's Day should be a
- Mira thinks that British people are a bit when it comes to celebrations.



Sheila



Rinonha



Marta



Marty



Becky



Dominik



Bob








Cecil



Mira

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- 4** Listen to the following people describing festivities / holidays / times of the year and mark the corresponding box with an X each time they mention one of these.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
									
Christmas	X								
Easter									
Spring									
Halloween									
Birthday									
Balls									
St Patrick's Day									
St George's Day									
Bank holiday									
Indian festivals									

After watching

- 5** Write the names of some National Holidays in Italy and write a few sentences for a non-Italian person explaining:
- what the holiday celebrates;
 - what people do on this day and, if appropriate, how they dress;
 - what you think of this holiday / festivity.
- 6** Find out more about St George's day at:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St_George's_Day
 And at:
www.enjoyengland.com/attractions/events/calendar/april/st-george-events.aspx
 Write a brief report about what you find out.
- 7** Try this simple quiz:
www.funtrivia.com/playquiz/quiz172591fcf30.html