

How We Celebrate

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While the pandemic keeps much of the world at home, people still find ways to celebrate. From Zoom family reunions to car parade birthday parties, we practice deeply important customs. Face to face or distant, celebrations feature cultural elements that we find very meaningful, such as special foods, music, gifts, jokes, clothes. This activity invites you to relish the fun of celebrations by analyzing them and consider how celebrations during the pandemic are the same and different from how they usually occur.

Supplies Pencil, paper, Seasonal Round Calendar (English or Spanish), How We Celebrate Worksheet, Venn Diagram Worksheet, crayons or makers, optional collage supplies like scissors, glue, magazines

Activities

1. Use the Seasonal Round Calendar to brainstorm the many ways you celebrate, from birthdays to holidays. You may use pencils, crayons, or markers.
2. Choose a celebration to analyze using the How We Celebrate Worksheet. What surprises you as you think closely about this celebration? Choose other celebrations to analyze.
3. Choose a celebration and create a Celebrations Then and Now Venn Diagram Worksheet. In the first space on the left, list how you celebrated it and what it meant to you before quarantine. In the last space on the right, write how it is being celebrated now. In the middle space, list how the celebration is the same. Analyze your data and write your conclusions on the lines below the diagram.
4. Interview family members and friends at home or virtually about how they celebrate. Options: Share the Seasonal Round Calendar with them; ask about Then and Now ways of celebrating.

Bonus Activities

- Choose one cultural element from the How We Celebrate Worksheet to research across different celebrations, for example food or music.
- Find ideas for using the Local Learning Seasonal Round activities to create a collage, compare celebrations, or research birthday traditions further
<https://www.locallearningnetwork.org/education-resources/local-learning-toolbox/seasonal-round-lesson-plan>