

Lesson 13: I Love Autumn



- What Chinese festivals are in autumn?
- Do you know of any autumn festivals in other countries?

Hello Jenny,

I love fall! We will celebrate Mid-Autumn Festival this week. In the lunar calendar, it's on August 15. The moon is round and bright. We will watch the moon that night and look for *Chang'e*. When I was a little boy, my grandma told me the story of *Chang'e*. In the story, a beautiful lady named *Chang'e* lives on the moon. We will eat moon cakes and fruit during the festival. They're delicious!

National Day is also in autumn. It's on October 1. We will have a seven-day holiday! We will do many things together. I like going to the National Day celebration.

The best thing about autumn, however, is my birthday. I will be thirteen years old this year!

How about you, Jenny? Do you celebrate any festivals in autumn?

Goodbye for now!

Li Ming

Dear Li Ming,

Thank you for the e-mail! I love autumn, too. In Canada, we also have a holiday in autumn — Thanksgiving. Families always celebrate Thanksgiving together. I will go to my grandparents' home. All of my uncles, aunts and cousins will be there, too. We will have a big dinner!

The Canadian Thanksgiving is on the second Monday of October. In the U.S. they celebrate Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday of November.

Have fun on your birthday, Li Ming!

Your friend,

Jenny

What would Li Ming like for his birthday? I wonder...



UNIT 3

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Families Celebrate Together



We Will Learn

Functions

- ▶ Talking about Family Celebrations
- ▶ Talking about Size

Grammar

- ▶ Possessive Case
- ▶ Adverbial Clause with "when"

Structures

- ▶ We will eat moon cakes and fruit during the festival.
- ▶ What size does your friend wear?
- ▶ I think he's the same size as Brian.

Let's Do It!

1 Read the lesson and answer the questions.

1. What will Li Ming's family do on the night of the Mid-Autumn Festival?
2. Where will Jenny go on Thanksgiving Day?
3. When is Canadian Thanksgiving?
4. Why do Li Ming and Jenny like autumn?

2 Listen to the dialogues and tick the correct answers or pictures.

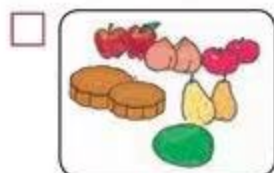
1. When did the girl visit her grandparents?

☐ On National Day.

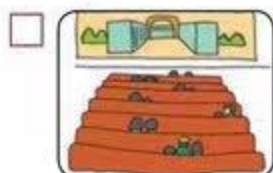
☐ On Mid-Autumn Day.

☐ On Thanksgiving Day.

2. What do people usually eat on that day?



3. What do people usually do that evening?



PROJECT



CHART OF FAMILY CELEBRATIONS IN CHINA AND CANADA

How do families celebrate in Canada? How do we celebrate in China?

Make a chart with two big circles. In one circle, write the things that families do in Canada. In the other circle, write the things that families do in China. In the middle, write the things that families do in both countries. You can compare the dates, the foods and the activities.

Write the things that are different about China here.

Write the things that are the same about China and Canada in the middle.

Write the things that are different about Canada here.