

Holidays

There are some favourite holidays among Russian people: New Year, Christmas, the Day of the Defender of the Fatherland, an International Women's Day, Easter, a Victory Day and, of course, birthdays.

1. Match the names of the holidays with their descriptions.

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| New Year | On this day men usually give women flowers and small gifts |
| Christmas | On this day we traditionally congratulate all men including boys, go and take part in parades |
| The Day of the Defender of the Fatherland | The purest day, when Christ appeared on earth |
| An International Women's Day | We are very proud of our country and go to military parades, we congratulate and thank our veterans, give them presents and flowers |
| Easter | We buy fir-trees and decorate them and our houses, give presents and make wishes to the chimes of bells |
| A Victory Day | We organize the parties, invite our friends and take presents and congratulations |
| Birthday | This religious holiday is a celebration of rebirth, we colour eggs and make cakes, go to churches |

2. Answer when we celebrate them.

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| New Year | on your own day of birth |
| Christmas | on the 9 th of May |
| The Day of the Defender of the Fatherland | on the 8 th of March |
| An International Women's Day | on the 1 st of January |
| Easter | on the 23 rd of February |
| A Victory Day | on the 7 th of January |
| Birthday | on the first Sunday after 40 days' Lent |

3. Match the names of the holidays with their symbols.

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| New Year | pointed star, national flag, coat of arms, postcards, presents |
| Christmas | annual military parade, flowers: lilac and tulips |
| The Day of the Defender of the Fatherland | stockings, presents, bells, fireplace, dinner, deer, sledge, greenery |
| An International Women's Day | Bunny, eggs, basket |
| Easter | flowers: mimosa, presents and perfume |
| A Victory Day | fir-tree, dinner, presents, postcards |
| Birthday | flowers, presents, postcards, parties |

