OBJECTIVE

Talk about ceremonies and festivals

COURSE SUMMARY

A festival: a day or a period of celebration, a party where there is a feast, big meal and loud music

Ceremony: It's just a celebration of something; big feast and loud music are optional on that day.

A special event: an event outdoor or indoor that is held on public property or street for a special occasion (birthday...)

A traditional ceremony: a social event or a ceremony which has been fixed traditionally

A ritual: a series of actions to be performed during the ceremony according to a prescribed order

* Linking words or connectors

Linking words or connectors are used to connects ideas, sentences or a paragraph

- * The most used linking words
- Addition: And, besides, moreover, in addition...
- Contrast: On the contrary, on the one hand, on the other hand, while
- Cause: Because of, because, due to
- Consequence: So, so that, consequently, therefore, as a result
- Illustration: Such, such as, like
- Condition: If, unless
- Sequence: first, second, next, then, after that, finally

Example:

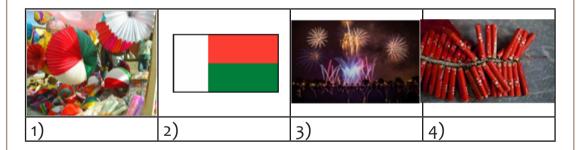
- People offer toys to the little boy so that he will forget his pain.
- Exhumation is very popular besides many foreigners are interested in it.
- There are many other ceremonies such as baptism, wedding, commemoration of the 29th of March
- You cannot go to the president's palace unless you are invited.
- Because of their belief, some Malagasy people still practice the exhumation
- -Then, there is a show

English	Malagasy	
A show	Fampisehoana	
Ancestor	Razambe	
To bless/blessing	Mitahy/fitahiana	
Celebration	Fankalazana	
Ceremony	Fankalazana	
Circumcision	Famorana	
Coworker	Mpiaramiasa	
Dead body	razana	
Astrologer	Mpanandro	
To wrap	Mamomo/fonony	
Feast	hanimpitoloha	
Easter	Paka	
Exhumation	Famadihana	

Firecrackers	Tsipoapoaka	
Firework	Afomanga	
Flag	Sainam-pirenena	
Foreskin	Lohatsitsina	
Guest	Vahiny	
A gift	fanomezana	
Ritual	Fombafomba	
Lantern	Arendrina	
Mat	Tsihy	
Hang	manatona	
Descendants	taranaka	
Military parade	matso	
President's talk	kabarin'ny filoha	
Shroud	Lambamena	
Sugar cane	Fary	
To appear	Mipoitra /miseho	
To bury	Mandevina	
To cut	manapaka	
Greasy	Be menaka	
To inquire	Manontany	

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Festival	fety	
To shoulder	Milanja	
commemoration	fahatsiarovana	
Tomb/ grave	Fasana	
Toys	Kilalao	
Trumpet	Trompetra	

A) Write the words under the corresponding photos:



B) Answer the following questions:

- 1. If we consider the previous photos, what comes to your mind?
- 2. When is this ceremony?
- 3. Do people all over the world celebrate it?

Read the text and answer the following questions

On June, 26th, Madagascar celebrates the Independence Day. All the streets and the public buildings are decorated and everybody hangs the Malagasy flag outside their house. The evening of June 25th, children bring lanterns outside. Meanwhile, Fireworks and firecrackers are played. The next day in the morning, an official ceremony takes place at the municipal stadium in Mahamasina. There is a military parade and the President makes a talk to wish a happy independence day to all Malagasy people. Then, there is a show. At noon, all Malagasy authorities as well as the foreign partners of Madagascar are invited by the president and his wife to a feast at the palace.

Questions

- 1. How are the streets during the period of the Independence Day?
- 2. What do people hang outside their house?
- 3. What do children do during the night of June 25?
- 4. Where does the ceremony take place?
- 5. Who holds the party? Where does it take place?

Classify the following words according to the ceremony they are related to:

A show, Ancestor, Blessing, honey moon, the bride, Dead body, astrologer, drum, Firecrackers, Firework, the bride's price, Flag, Foreskin, Guest, Lantern, Mat, Descendants, the bride groom, President's talk, guests, Shroud, Sugar cane, To bury, To decorate, To wrap, Tomb, Toys, Trumpet, little boy, ring, civil weeding, military parade, greasy rice, feast

Exhumation	circumcision	Independence day	wedding

Activity 4

Complete the blanks with the appropriate linking words:

- 1) you learn hard; you will not get good marks.
- 2) Madagascar has many traditions..... exhumation, first hair cutting and circumcision.
- 3) He always studies hard he wants to succeed in his BEPC exam.
- 5) Other people still practice exhumation..... other has stopped practicing it.

Give a ceremony that is very common in Madagascar and answer the following questions:

- 1. What are people doing during this period?
- 2. Who is holding the ceremony?
- 3. Where and when the ceremony is taking place;
- 4. What people are doing for the ritual?