

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 connect 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

Activity 1

A) Write the words under the corresponding photos:



1)	2)	3)	4)
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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?

Activity 2

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?

Activity 3

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 wedding, 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.

Activity 5

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?