

## UNIT 2 Customs

### READING 1

#### Thanksgiving – Hawaiian Style

**PRE-READING** page 32

#### Preparing for the Reading Topic

A. *Answers will vary.*

B. *Answers will vary.*

**VOCABULARY** pages 35-36

#### VOCABULARY IN CONTEXT

A.

1. pile up
2. paste
3. trace
4. pat down
5. line
6. emerge
7. shovel
8. Bundles
9. Exploding
10. Diversity

B. *Answers will vary.*

C. *Answers will vary.*

#### VOCABULARY BUILDING

1a. explosion

1b. exploded

2a. diverse

2b. diversity

3a. emerged

3b. emergence

**READING COMPREHENSION** pages 37-38

#### LOOKING FOR MAIN IDEAS

1. b
2. c
3. d

#### SCANNING FOR DETAILS

1. A popular way to celebrate a holiday in Hawaii is with a(n) luau.
2. The Hawaiians like to roast their pig or turkey in a(n) imu.
3. Before Thanksgiving, family members go down to the beach to fill bags with smooth, rounded lava stones.
4. After the men dig a large hole they line the bottom and sides of the hole with the lava rocks.
5. When the lava rocks are so hot that they glow, the rocks are placed inside the turkey or pig.
6. Three items that are placed in the oven with the pig or turkey are sweet potatoes, pineapple, and plantain [vegetables/fresh fish].
7. After the hot rocks are spread over the food, more ti leaves, a layer of wet bags, and a canvas covering are placed over the rocks.
8. Three to four hours after the oven is covered, the dirt is shoveled away.

#### MAKING INFERENCES AND DRAWING CONCLUSIONS

*Answers will vary. Possible answers:*

1. American holidays are celebrated differently in certain parts of the United States because of the many different groups of people, cultures, and traditions in the United States.
2. Hawaii is different from the other states in the United States because it is the only

state that was once an independent country.

3. Islanders dress in traditional clothes on holidays because they don't want to forget their Hawaiian ancestry or old traditions. They don't want to lose their sense of being Hawaiian.
4. The preparations for a Hawaiian Thanksgiving are a family affair because everyone in the family does a little bit to help. However, it seems that the men do a lot of the work in cooking the turkey or pig.
5. Dirt is shoveled over the hole for the imu and patted down because no trace of the food or the way it is being cooked should be seen.

## **DISCUSSION** page 38

*Answers will vary.*

## **CRITICAL THINKING** page 38

*Answers will vary.*

## **WRITING 1**

### **WRITING SKILLS** pages 39-41

#### **Exercise 1**

##### **Introduction 1**

Most people love their wedding day and remember it for the rest of their lives. A great deal of preparation and expense go into planning a wedding. Sometimes weddings are planned more than a year in advance because there are many events and procedures that must not be forgotten. The traditional American wedding is formal and has many steps, each of which has a symbolic meaning.

##### **Introduction 2**

April Fool's Day is celebrated on the first of April in most countries. It is a day when people have a lot of fun. People often play tricks on each other. If, like me, you don't know what day it is, you may be in for a surprise. Last April Fool's Day is a day I will never forget because three very surprising things happened to me.

##### **Introduction 3**

Ga Homowo is a festival of Thanksgiving celebrated by the Ga people of Ghana. They had the first festival after the harvest, and now they celebrate it annually. The reason for the festivities is explained in stories handed down through generations. These stories trace the origin of Ga Homowo to the first immigrants of the Ga tribe who landed on the shores of Ghana. Unlike most annual festivals, Ga Homowo is made up of a series of events and celebrated within family groups.

##### **Exercise 2**

1. To celebrate the Dragon Boat Festival, families do several things, like make tzung-tzu, hang the moxa herb, and watch the dragon boat race. It is located at the end of the first paragraph.
2. Before the Dragon Boat Festival, every family prepares tzung-tzu. / Then each family also has to buy moxa herb and hang it in a special location. / After preparing the tzung-tzu, each family goes to the river to watch the dragon boat race, which takes place during this festival.
3. Yes.

### **WRITING PRACTICE** pages 26-28

*Answers vary throughout this section.*

### **WRITING PRACTICE** pages 42-43

*Answers vary throughout this section.*

## READING 2

### Hop to It!

PRE-READING page 44

#### Preparing for the Reading Topic

A. *Answers will vary.*

B. *Answers will vary.*

VOCABULARY pages 47-48

#### VOCABULARY IN CONTEXT

A.

1. a
2. d
3. a
4. b
5. a
6. c
7. b
8. b
9. d
10. c

B. *Answers will vary.*

C. *Answers will vary.*

#### VOCABULARY BUILDING

1a. inspiration

1b. inspired

2a. accommodate

2b. accommodations

3a. frustrated

3b. frustration

READING COMPREHENSION pages  
48-50

#### LOOKING FOR MAIN IDEAS

1. c
2. a
3. d

#### SCANNING FOR DETAILS

*Possible answers:*

1. The idea for the Jumping Frog Contest came from Mark Twain's famous short story, "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County."
2. The Jumping Frog Contest takes place every year.
3. More than 50,000 people attend the Jumping Frog Contest today.
4. The entry fee includes the cost of renting a frog in case the person who enters the contest doesn't already own one.
5. Many people who live in the area go out and catch their frogs the night before, so they are "fresh" and ready to go on the day of the contest.
6. The contest starts when the "jockey" positions his or her frog and then yells, screams, jumps up and down, puffs, blows, whistles, or does whatever else is necessary to incite the frog to jump.
7. Each frog is given 15 seconds to jump three times. Once a frog has made its three jumps, an official measures the distance from the center of the pad to the spot where the frog landed on its third jump.
8. At Bill Steed's famous Croaker College, the frogs worked out in a pool, lifted tiny weights, did chin-ups and high dives, ate centipede soup and ladybug salad, and generally prepared for the big day.

**MAKING INFERENCES AND  
DRAWING CONCLUSIONS**

*Answers will vary. Possible answers:*

1. The Calaveras County Jumping Frog Contest is so popular because it's a fun and unique event.
2. There is only a modest entry fee to encourage many people to join and have fun.
3. A jockey would be frustrated if his or her frog jumped back to the launching pad because each frog has only 15 seconds to jump three times. The time would be wasted.
4. Frogs are unpredictable because we don't know what they are thinking or what they are going to do next.
5. Competitors feel excited and perhaps nervous during the contest.

**DISCUSSION** page 50

*Answers will vary.*

**CRITICAL THINKING** page 50

*Answers will vary.*

**WRITING 2**

**WRITING SKILLS** pages 51-52

**Exercise 1**

*Answers will vary.*

**Exercise 2**

*Answers will vary.*

**WRITING PRACTICE** pages 53-54

*Answers vary throughout this section.*

**WEAVING IT TOGETHER**

**TIMED WRITING** page 55

*Answers will vary.*

**SEARCH THE INTERNET** page 55

A. Suggested keywords:

- Obon Festival
- Inti Raymi
- Fasching Carnival

B. Suggested keywords:

- unusual customs around the world
- unusual traditions

**WHAT DO YOU THINK NOW?** page 55

1. isn't
2. celebrate
3. More than 50,000
4. can