

## 1. When does each festival take place?

*This year you should go to ...*

... **Japan**, where people celebrate the Cherry Blossom Festival, *Hanami*. *Hanami* means “looking at flowers”, but nowadays it usually means looking at the blossom on the cherry trees. This tradition began more than a thousand years ago when people used to admire the cherry blossoms and write poems.

The festival usually takes place between March and May. This can vary from region to region. There are lots of different kinds of cherry trees in Japan, and there are amazing blossoms that people love looking at.



Everyone enjoys themselves and there's fun for all the family. Parks and gardens become outdoor picnic areas where people bring their own food to eat with each other under the cherry trees.

... **Peru**, where you can enjoy *Inti Raymi*, the second biggest festival in South America. For a week in June the city of Cusco celebrates the Festival of the Sun. This marks the beginning of the sun's new year or the winter solstice. In the Inca language, Quechua, *Inti* means “sun” and *Raymi* “celebration”.



You can watch parades and dance performances where lots of people wear traditional costumes. There are concerts during the day and at night, and you can watch some amazing fireworks, too. Everyone takes part, even the tourists.

The highlight of the festival takes place in an ancient fortress in Sacsayhuamán on June 24th. More than 200,000 people go there to watch a special play. Some of the actors speak to each other in Quechua.

2. **Classify information** Read the descriptions of each festival. Check the correct festival according to the information in the text.

1. People admire the flowers on one kind of tree.
2. It isn't the biggest festival in that part of the world.
3. This festival lasts for a week.
4. People used to write poetry about this event.
5. This festival celebrates the end of one year and the beginning of another.
6. This is a festival that the whole family can enjoy.

**Hanami****Inti Raymi**3. **Scan for information** Choose the correct answer.

1. The Cherry Blossom Festival takes place ...
  - a. in a city in Japan called Hanami.
  - b. in some cities in Japan.
  - c.** all over Japan.
  - d. in a city called Cusco.
2. The Cherry Blossom Festival is ...
  - a. only suitable for families.
  - b. suitable for everyone.
  - c. not suitable for young children.
  - d. not celebrated in parks.
3. *Inti Raymi* is a festival that ...
  - a. everyone can take part in.
  - b. attracts mainly tourists.
  - c. is not suitable for tourists.
  - d. is only for local people.
4. Sacsayhuamán is an ancient fortress where people ...
  - a. must speak to each other in Quechua.
  - b. can watch fireworks and parades.
  - c. watch actors perform a play and speak Quechua.
  - d. tourists take part in a play in an ancient fortress.