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The Hong Kong Bun Festival

1. Find the meaning of the following words: pirate, drive away, bun, tower
2. Then read the text and fill in the table below.

This festival is held on the island on Cheung Chau in Hong Kong in early May every year, around the time of Buddha's birthday. The festival celebrates the god Pak Tai, who drove pirates and illness away from the island. In the festival, the islanders pray for safety from pirates and illness. The festival lasts for seven days. For three of those days everyone on the island is vegetarian. There is a procession through the village with lion dances, dragon dances and musicians. In the procession children in colourful costumes are carried high above people's heads. The islanders make three 20-metre high bamboo towers and cover these with buns. At midnight on the last day people light fires and then climb the towers to get the buns. They wear bags on their backs to collect the buns and when they come down from the towers, they give them to everyone who is watching. Then everyone celebrates with fireworks.

	Snake Festival	Bun Festival	Land Diving Festival	May Day
Where?				
When?				
Why?				
What happens?				
Special Food?				

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3. Share your information with your group and complete the table for all the festivals.
4. Discuss in your group: Which festival would you like to go to most?
5. Invent a festival! Work together and invent a festival for one of these events:

Midwinter

The first day of autumn

The longest day

Fill in the table for your festival and then write a description.

Where?	
When?	
Why?	
What happens?	
Special Food?	