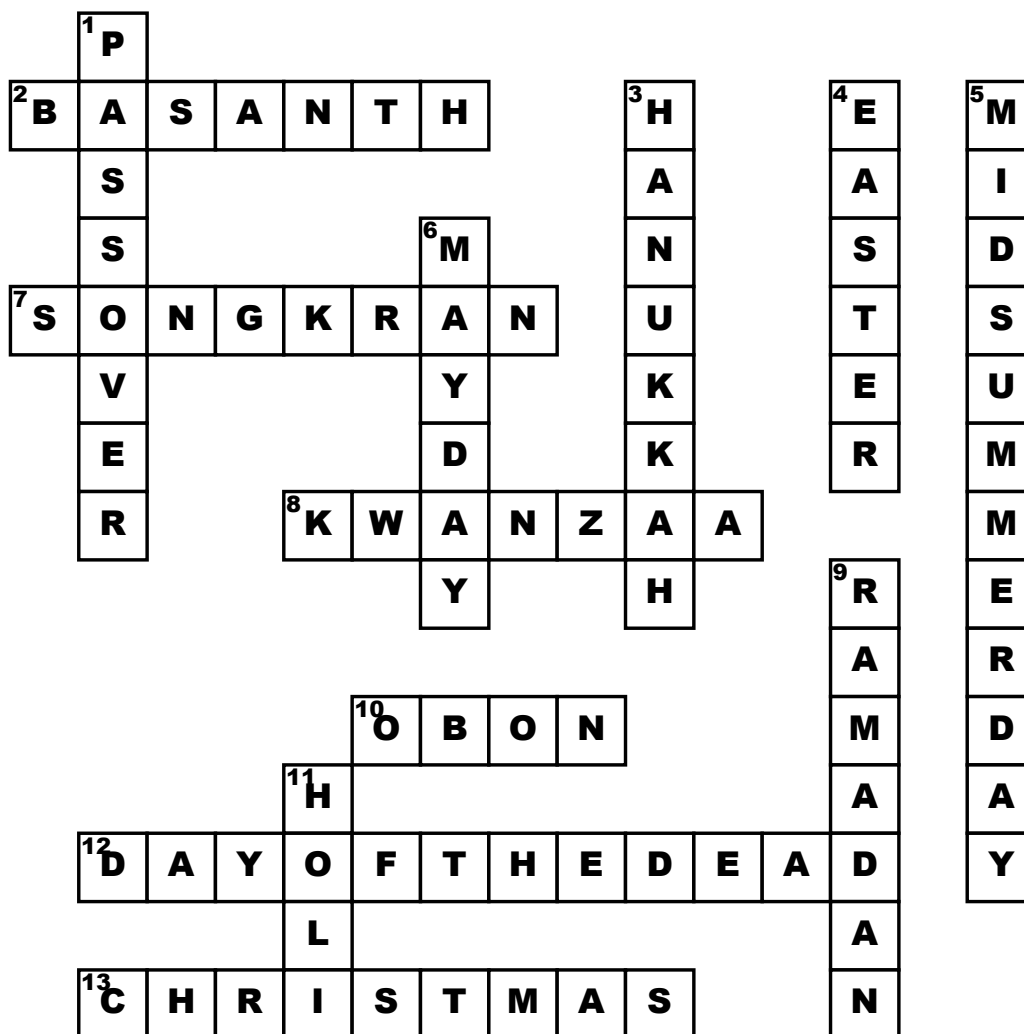


# Holidays Around The World



## Across

2. In Pakistan, boys celebrate the first day of spring in the Muslim calendar with exciting kite-fighting contests.

7. In Thailand, a special three-day water festival on April 13-15 marks Songkran, the Buddhists' celebration of the new year.

8. which means "First Fruits," is based on ancient African harvest festivals and celebrates ideals such as family life and unity.

10. Japanese people keep the memory of their ancestors alive with a festival held during the summer called...

12. On November 1 — called Día de los Muertos — Mexicans remember their loved ones who have died by visiting them and having a meal right in the graveyard.

13. People celebrate this Christian holiday by going to church, giving gifts, and sharing the day with their families.

## Down

1. Jewish Holiday

3. For eight days each November or December, Jews light a special candleholder called a menorah. They do it to remember an ancient miracle in which one day's worth of oil burned for eight days in their temple.

4. On Easter, Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. People attend church and also enjoy different Easter customs.

5. The sun continues to shine long after midnight in Scandinavia

6. To celebrate the return of spring, children in England dance around tall poles decorated with ribbons, called maypoles. Their dancing wraps the ribbons tightly around the pole.

9. During this holy time, the ninth month of the Islamic calendar year, Muslims do not eat, drink, or smoke from sunrise to sunset for an entire month

11. For this Hindu spring festival, people dress in green. Children then squirt each other with water pistols filled with yellow- or red-colored liquid

## Word Bank

**Basant**

**Passover**

**Songkran**

**May Day**

**Christmas**

**Hanukkah**

**Day of the Dead**

**Ramadan**

**Holi**

**Midsummer Day**

**Kwanzaa**

**Easter**

**O-Bon**