



Smart READING

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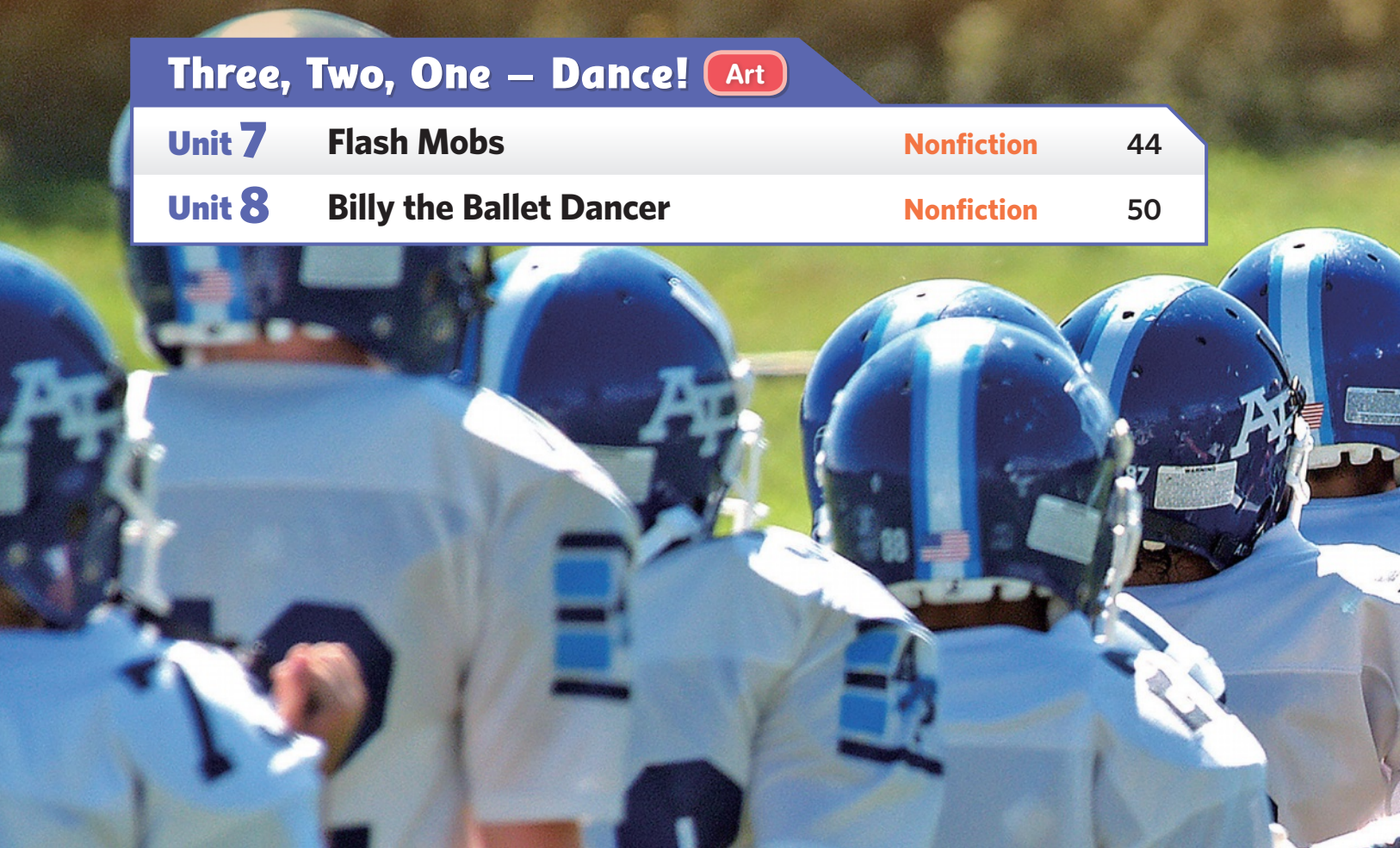
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Festivals

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A vibrant photograph showing a group of people, likely at a festival or cultural event. They have colorful paint (purple, yellow, red) smeared on their faces and hands. Some are smiling and raising their hands in celebration. The background is bright and slightly blurred, suggesting an outdoor setting.

Social Studies

Humans love to celebrate. That is why people have festivals. Whatever the celebration, festivals are almost always fun and exciting.

A photograph of a youth football team. The players are wearing blue helmets and dark blue jerseys with white stripes on the sleeves. They are lined up on a grassy field, some looking towards the camera. The scene is outdoors on a sunny day.

Sports

There is a lot more to playing sports than just winning. Sports teaches people how to be fair and become better people. Let's find out what sportsmanship is all about.

Unit

1

Water Festivals



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When is it OK to spray water on others?

Key Words



A Listen and repeat the words.



1.



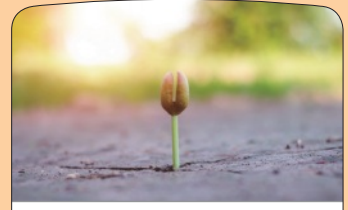
celebrate

2.



festival

3.



reborn

4.



wash away

5.



huge

6.



splash

B Choose and write the correct words.

splash celebrate festival reborn huge washing away

1. We will _____ Jenny's birthday tomorrow.
2. Oh no! The water is _____ your sandcastle.
3. Don't _____ me! I do not want to get wet.
4. It is Chinese New Year. There is a _____ all day.
5. In spring, nature is _____. It is time for new life.
6. The rock is _____. It is 100 times bigger than the man.

Water Festivals

While You Read

In Buddhism, what does water do?

03

Buddhist New Year starts at different times around the world. In Southeast Asia, it starts in mid-April. To **celebrate**, people have water festivals. But why water festivals?

In Buddhism, water is a way to make everything new again. When people pour water on things, they are cleaned and **reborn**. So water festivals help **wash away** bad things that happened in the past year. Then people are ready for the new year.

Songkran is the biggest water festival. It happens every year in Thailand from April 13th to 16th. There are **huge** water fights in the streets. People use water guns and buckets to playfully **splash** each other. Even elephants join in on the festival too! They use their trunks to spray water on people.



playfully in a fun way

trunk an elephant's nose



Water festivals are a fun way to celebrate Buddhist New Year. So next New Year's Day, why not splash your friends with water? It will help them start the year fresh and clean!

Comprehension Check

● Choose or write the correct answers.

1. What is the passage mainly about?

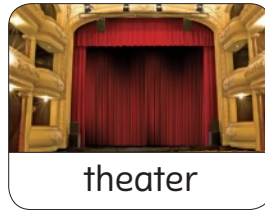
- Ⓐ Buddhism in Southeast Asia
- Ⓑ water fights in Southeast Asia
- Ⓒ water festivals in Southeast Asia

2. Songkran is the biggest water _____.

Ⓐ



Ⓑ



Ⓒ



3. What is NOT true about Buddhist New Year?

- Ⓐ It starts at the same time everywhere.
- Ⓑ People celebrate with water festivals in some countries.
- Ⓒ In Southeast Asia, it starts in mid-April.

4. Why do people celebrate with water festivals?

➔ When people pour water on things, they are _____ and _____.

BACK TO THE PASSAGE

5. There are very big water fights on the roads.

= There are _____ water fights in the streets.

6. Elephants are also part of the festival.

= Even elephants _____ in on the festival too.

Points to Remember

A Complete the chart.

The Biggest Water Festival: Songkran

Where

in _____

When

every year from _____ 13th to 16th

What

- the biggest _____ festival
- huge water _____ in the streets

April

water

fights

Thailand

B Complete the sentences.

Water Festivals

- People have water festivals to _____ Buddhist New Year.
- In _____, water makes things new again.
- Water helps wash away _____ things from the past year.
- _____ is a big water festival in Thailand.
- During Songkran, people playfully _____ each other with water.

celebrate

splash

Buddhism

bad

Songkran