

Before you watch**1 SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Answer the questions.

- 1 What festivals do people in your country celebrate? How do they celebrate?
- 2 What do you know about the people from different ethnic and religious groups who live in your region?
- 3 Have you ever been to a festival in a foreign country? What was it like?

Comprehension check**2** Watch the DVD clip. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 Where is Leicester?
a near London b in the north c in the East Midlands
- 2 Who organises the Diwali celebrations?
a the Indian community b business people c performing artists
- 3 Who joins in the celebrations?
a the Indian community b school children c everyone

3 Watch again. Number the things (A–F) in the order that you see them.

- A ___ Indian sweets
B ___ decorations
C ___ a solo dance
D ___ *rangoli*
E ___ a firework display
F ___ a group dance

4 Watch again. Complete the sentences with the numbers below. There are two extra numbers.

23% 28% 30,000 39,000 329,000 1.2 million 1.5 million 4.9 million

- 1 _____ people in London are white.
- 2 About _____ people from Asian backgrounds live in London.
- 3 There are _____ black people living in London.
- 4 There are around _____ people living in Leicester.
- 5 _____ of the population of Leicester have an Indian background.
- 6 There were over _____ people at last year's Diwali celebrations.

Round up**5 SPEAKING** Work in groups. Answer the question.

Would you like to go to Diwali celebrations? Why? / Why not?

Vocabulary

6 RECYCLE Complete the phrasal verbs in the sentences with *up*, *out* or *on*.

- 1 I usually catch _____ with my friends at the weekend.
- 2 My brother signed _____ for the army last year.
- 3 My sister doesn't get _____ with my mum. They argue a lot.
- 4 They ran _____ of petrol on their drive home from the mountains.
- 5 The play didn't really live _____ to the five-star review it got in the newspaper.

7 Complete the text with the words below.

communities customs diverse identities multicultural

The Notting Hill Carnival

Every year, at the end of August, around a million people come to west London to celebrate Europe's largest street festival, the Notting Hill Carnival. The carnival started in 1964 as a way for African Caribbean ¹ _____ to celebrate their cultural ² _____ and traditional ³ _____. Since then, it has grown into a huge festival and is now celebrated and attended by people from many different cultures and countries, reflecting how ethnically ⁴ _____ and ⁵ _____ present-day London really is.

Extension

8 Work in groups. Make a presentation to give to a group of foreign students about a festival that happens in your country. Include the following:

- where and when it happens
- the history of the festival
- the best way to celebrate it
- advice about how to make the most of the festival

9 Give your presentation to the class. Use the key phrases for giving advice.

Giving advice

I think / don't think you should ...
You ought to ...
You should ...
... That's my advice.