

HOLIDAYS

What kind of monuments do we see in most towns and in many villages in the Czech Republic? What monuments or memorials are there in your home (or nearest) town?

Can you name some holidays and festivals that the Czech Republic shares with English-speaking world? Tell the class about similarities and differences.

How is Christmas celebrated in your home? Do you observe any customs and traditions?

Describe some folk, village and regional customs in this country, e.g. pig-killing, harvest-home, the end of the hunting season, village dances. Do people still wear folk costumes in any part of this country?

What holidays that we did not have before have slowly been finding their way into our lives? Do you like these changes or do you loathe them?

What holidays and festivals are typically American? Give a short talk about one of them, when and how it is celebrated and its origin.

What holidays and festivals are uniquely British?

On your last visit to a foreign country – what struck you as strange or unusual? Was it a pleasant or unpleasant situation? Could it have been prevented?

Discuss cultural stereotypes in the Czech Republic and English-speaking countries. What do you think the most striking differences in behaviour and manners are?

Do you believe in the differences in the national character? If you were to compare “Britishness” with “Czechness”, would you find more similarities or differences? Which of the two nations is more polite / landlocked / determined?

Say something about the British class system. Is there a similar system in the Czech Republic or in the U.S.A.?