#### Welcome to Maslenitsa!



Shrovetide or Maslenitsa is an old traditional festival. People celebrate it in late February.

People play
garmoshkas and
balalaikas,
sing songs and
dance.



# People ride troikas and have a snowball fight.



## Strong men climb a pole for a gift.



## People make a doll of Maslenitsa, make and eat traditional food — bliny.



## People make and eat

1. caviar

pancakes with 2. jam

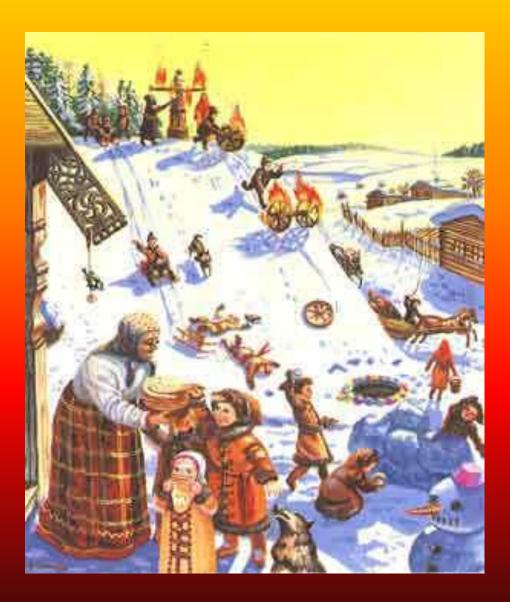
3. meat







Children have a lot of fun on this festival. They down the hill, have a snowball fight and make a snowman.





#### **Check yourself**

#### Will people ... ?

- 1. play wooden spoons
- 2. sing songs and dance
- 3. ride a troika
- 4. take part in a snowball fight
- 5. swim
- 6. slide down the hill

7. eat pancakes

9. find the way out of a maze

11. climb mountains

13. play games

15. take part in a sack race

8. make a snowman

10.make a doll of ...

12. make pancakes

14. go boating

16. go skateboarding

### Check your answers:

- 1. Yes, they will. They will play wooden spoons and garmoshkas.
- 2. Yes, they will. People will sing songs, dance and have fun.
- 3. Yes, they will. They'll ride troikas and jump over the fire.
- 4. Yes, they will. People will have a snowball fight and fight for a snow castle.
- 5. No, they won't. People won't swim because it's winter.
- 6. Yes, they will. They'll slide down the hill and sledge.
- 7. Yes they will. People will eat pancakes with caviar, butter and jam.

- 8. Yes, they will. They'll make a snowman and a doll of Maslenitsa.
- 9. No, they won't. They won't find the way out of a maze.
- 10. Yes, they will. They'll make a doll of Maslenitsa and make a fire.
- 11. No, they won't. They won't climb mountains.
- 12. Yes, they will. People will make pancakes, pelmeni and varenniki.
- 13. Yes, they will. They'll play games and have a snowball fight.
- 14. No, they won't. They won't go boating or sailing.
- 15. Yes, they will. People will take part in a sack race and games.
- 16. No, they won't. They won't go skateboarding.