

**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.



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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 sledge and slide 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
8. make a snowman
9. find the way out of a maze
10. make a doll of ...
11. climb mountains
12. make pancakes
13. play games
14. go boating
15. take part in a sack race
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.