

# Holidays, a Valuable Cultural Tool in ELT

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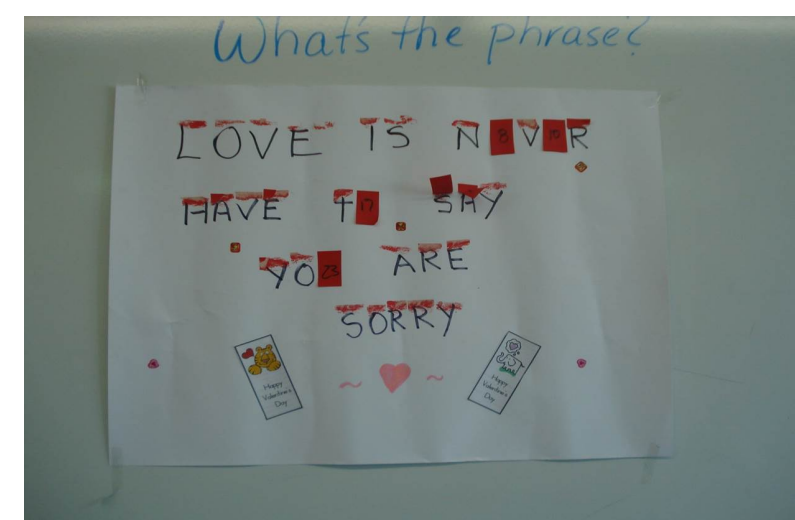
## What advantages can Holidays bring into my classroom?



They are a good way to change the pace of the lessons that can sometimes be textbook oriented.



You can explore a variety of activities.



Students will feel more relaxed and willing to participate.

## How can I prepare my Holiday-based class ?



### 1 Set the mood!

- Make sure students know something about the holiday, maybe a presentation including new vocabulary.
- Include activities appropriate to your students' English level.
- Variety of students interactions .
- Have all your material organized and ready.
- Be prepared to participate!

### 2

- Lead-in questions
- Reading /Power point presentation
- Make sure students understand the concept of the holiday with some history and including specific vocabulary.  
*(Reading – Speaking – Listening)*



### Activities to promote the language

### 3

- Worksheets (grammar, reading, vocabulary)
- Role plays (speaking, listening)
- Jeopardy (vocabulary, knowledge about the topic)
- Broken sentences (vocabulary)
- What's the phrase? (grammar, vocabulary)
- Oral presentations (speaking, writing, grammar and vocabulary)



*“Language is the principal means whereby we conduct our social lives. When it is used in contexts of communication, it is bound up with culture in multiple and complex ways”.*

**Kramersch, 2008.**

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