BRALNO RAZUMEVANJE

1. naloga

**Preberi besedilo in povedi v razpredelnici. Za vsak kitajski praznik poišči ustrezno trditev (A–H) in črko izbrane trditve vpiši v okvirček ob opisu praznika. Ena trditev je odveč. Glej primer 0, ki je že rešen.**

FESTIVALS OF CHINA

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| 0. | **Spring Festival**, or **Chinese New Year**, begins in late January or early February and is China's most important festival. Shops, full of shoppers and decorated with red lanterns, sell tangerine plants and Chinese paintings. When the New Year comes, fireworks go off and cause great clouds of smoke.  **A** |
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| 1. | **National Day**, October 1, begins a weeklong festival that celebrates the founding of the People's Republic of China. The festival is similar to the United States' July Independence Day. You can see red lanterns and the national flags everywhere in China. People travel during this week to see special parades. |
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| 2. | A kids' favourite in China, **the Moon Festival**, usually held in October, is a time when people get together by moonlight to eat moon cakes, a yummy pastry. Carrying lanterns in every shape imaginable, people travel to high places to get a good view of the Moon. At this time of the year, the mythological Moon Lady grants people's secret wishes. |
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| 3. | On the 15th day of the first lunar month is the spectacular **Lantern Festival**, which ends the New Year's festivities. The Chinese hang red lanterns everywhere, and families eat rice balls stuffed with beans, sugar, and other sweets, which are symbols of family unity, affection and happiness. |
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| 4. | During the **Labour Day** week of festivities beginning on May 1, many families in China travel to see the scenic sites of the country. They also attend cultural performances or visit ancient temples, and go shopping. |
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| 5. | Sometime around April 4, the Chinese people hold the **Festival of Qingming**. They honour the dead by cleaning and decorating their ancestors' graves. Everyone hangs willow branches in doorways to scare away evil spirits. According to legend, if you don't do this, you will be a yellow dog in your next life. |
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| 6. | **The Dragon Boat Festival**, usually held in June, honours one of China's most famous poet-patriots, Chu Yuan, with boat races and picnics, which are sure to include rice shaped into a pyramid. |
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| A | There's a lot of fire and smoke. |

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| B | People go down to rivers and lakes to see sports events. |
| C | People use parts of trees for the celebration. |
| D | People climb hills and mountains at night. |
| E | Parents hide sweets for children in the garden. |
| F | It comes right after the Spring Festival. |
| G | Families go to the theatre or opera house. |
| H | People show the country's symbol. |

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BRALNO RAZUMEVANJE

2. naloga

**Preberi besedilo in na podlagi zapisanega KRATKO odgovori na vprašanja. Glej primer 0, ki je že rešen.**

THE SHAPE OF A STAR

“It’s time!” Mom calls from the house. We leave the snowman half finished. Our boots are wet, but we run inside anyway. It’s time for Dad to call.

Today is Christmas Eve and he promised to call us at this hour. That makes it just past midnight Christmas morning in the desert on the other side of the world. That is where Dad is. That is where war is. But the phone does not ring.

Mom says, “We can eat lunch while we wait. Abby, help me set the table, please.”

I put plates on the table while my sister, Elissa, sits. I make sandwiches and show Elissa how to create a Christmas star. Dad loves to look at stars. He and I look at them in the night sky through his telescope, so he always cuts our sandwiches into stars on Christmas Eve.

I take my time eating my star sandwich. Elissa finishes hers. Still, the phone is quiet.

“No sense just sitting here,” Mom says at last. “Dad will call when he can. Don’t worry.” But I am worried. We leave the kitchen, even though we do not want to.

The box Dad sent for us arrived two weeks ago. We put it in the corner of the living room. His Christmas is there, where it is hot. Our Christmas is here, without him.

“Do you think Dad got the present we sent?” Elissa asks me.

“Sure he did,” I tell her, even though I wonder the same thing.

“Girls,” Mom voice tries to be cheerful as she comes out of the kitchen, “Let’s put up the tree!”

Mom and I twist the tall pine tree into its stand. Then we test the lights. They light up the room. Dad usually puts them all over himself, then dances around singing. We hang the Christmas decorations on the tree, then talk about the memories they bring back – last year’s Christmas and the year before.

Then the phone rings. Mom answers. She holds the phone in the air, and we can all hear Dad say, “Merry Christmas, everyone!”

“Merry Christmas to you, too, Dad!” Elissa and I shout out.

0. **What** are the children making outside?

***A snowman.***

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| 1. **What** is the family waiting for at lunchtime? |

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| 2. **Who** puts plates on the table? |

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| 3. **Where** in the house is Dad’s present for the family? |

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| 4. **What** does Mom want to do when she comes to the living room? |

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| 5. **What** does Dad do at Christmas when he wears Christmas lights? |

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| 6. **Who** does Dad wish a happy holiday to? |

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BESEDIŠČE

3. naloga

**Preberi besedilo o žirafah in ga dopolni z besedami v okvirčkih tako, da v razpredelnico vpišeš črko izbrane besede. Vsako besedo lahko uporabiš le enkrat. Tri besede so odveč. Glej primer 0, ki je že rešen.**

GIRAFFE VILLAGE



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| The last West African giraffes on the planet live near Koure, a small village in Niger. The local **(0)** \_\_\_ of Koure help the giraffes and they usually meet them every day. In fact, they are very proud of their tall **(1)** \_\_\_ with pale reddish spots on their bodies.  In school, the children learn about the giraffes that live in their village. The teacher **(2)** \_\_\_ how these animals live and how to protect them.  Every day, the villagers collect bundles of cereals and **(3)** \_\_\_ them on their heads. On the way back from the fields, they cross the open land, where the giraffes live. Sadly, more farming makes their territory **(4)** \_\_\_. Luckily, giraffes don't eat cereals that farmers **(5)** \_\_\_. They just cross these fields in search of leaves, their favourite food.  The farmers like giraffes **(6)** \_\_\_ they bring money to the village. Tourist guides wait for tourists along the only **(7)** \_\_\_ in the area. They take their visitors into the wild in **(8)** \_\_\_. There they can see the last 120 West African giraffes in the country. |

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BESEDIŠČE

4. naloga

**Oglej si sliko in dopolni besedilo z manjkajočimi besedami, ki se začenjajo z danimi črkami. Vsaka črtica predstavlja ENO ČRKO. Glej primer 0, ki je že rešen.**

DUTCH WAY OF LIFE

*Goede dag*, my name is Chantal.

I live in the Netherlands, a small country in the **(0) w e s t** of Europe, where we speak Dutch. Many people call it Holland. The summers here are not too hot and the winters are not too cold. There are often **(1) c \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ s** in the sky, so it rains a lot. It is also very windy here and that's one of the reasons we have a lot of windmills. People like to climb up the **(2) s \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ s** to the balcony where they have a nice view of the gardens full of Dutch popular **(3) f \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_** **\_\_\_ \_\_\_ s** – tulips. People on farms and in fishing villages sometimes **(4) w \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_** the famous Dutch shoes, which are made of wood. Even though the shoes are noisy, they protect our feet from damp earth better than leather shoes do. The Dutch like to

**(5) r \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_** bikes, because all the country is flat. Holland is also famous for its

**(6) c \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_.** Kids usually eat it in a sandwich for lunch, together with an apple, and a carton of chocolate milk.

*Tot ziens*, I hope you enjoyed learning about the Netherlands.

