

British Traditions

Holidays and Traditions of Great Britain and Russia

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My theme of the report is “ British Traditions.Holidays and Traditions of Great Britain and Russia”.

I have chosen this theme because knowledge of English traditions helps people of different countries to develop friendship and understanding.

The aim of my report is to compare Russian and British traditions.

Now I want to describe some holidays and pay attention to their traditions.

NEW YEAR



A year starts with the New Year's Day. That's why I'll begin with the New Year's celebrations.

The New Year's Day usually begins at about 8 o'clock p.m. and goes until the early hours of the morning. At midnight people listen to the chiming of Big Ben and sing "Auld Lang Syne" (a song by Robert Burns "The days of long ago"). People sing, dance and welcome the New Year, a merry winter holiday.

EASTER

Easter is the first spring holiday. Easter is the time when certain old traditions are observed. In England it is a time for the giving and receiving presents in the form of an egg. Nowadays Easter eggs are usually made of chocolate. But the old custom of dyeing or painting egg-shells is still maintained.



CHRISTMAS



On Christmas Eve everything is rush and bustle. Offices and public buildings close at one o'clock, but the shops stay open late. Most big cities, especially London, are decorated with colored lights across the streets and enormous Christmas trees. Children decorate the trees with tinsels, toys and colored lights. The house is decorated with holly. People send Christmas cards - with the words **A Merry Christmas to You**. Santa Claus brings presents and puts them into children's stockings and socks.

Russian and British holidays (Difference)

Russian and British holidays are different. Look at the table of difference. Here you can see how different people celebrate the holidays.

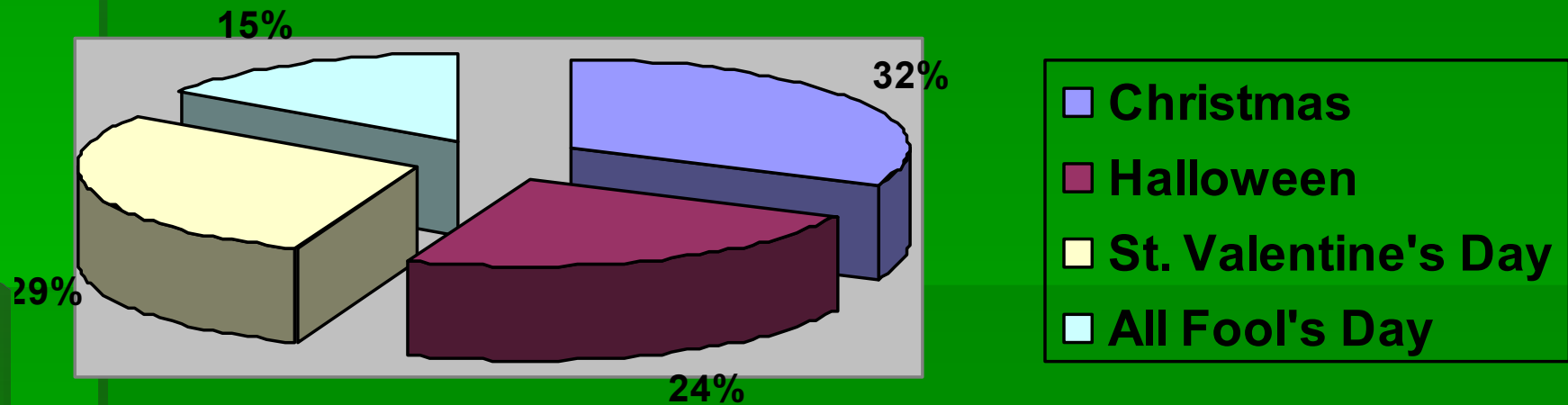
Holidays	Difference	
	Russia	Britain
1. The New Year's Day	Father Frost, Snow Maiden, New Year tree, New Year stories, fireworks, president's speech, New Year parties, the chiming of cloak on Spasskaya tower, sing hymn of Russia.	Queen's message, New Year dances, The chiming of Big Ben, sing of "Auld Lang Syne".
2. Christmas	Service at a church at night.	Service at a church in the morning, Christmas tree, Santa Claus, socks, stockings, family parties, Christmas pudding, turkey.
3. St. Valentine's Day	Concerts.	Fancy-dress balls, hearts.

Traditions of Russian holidays. (Similarity)

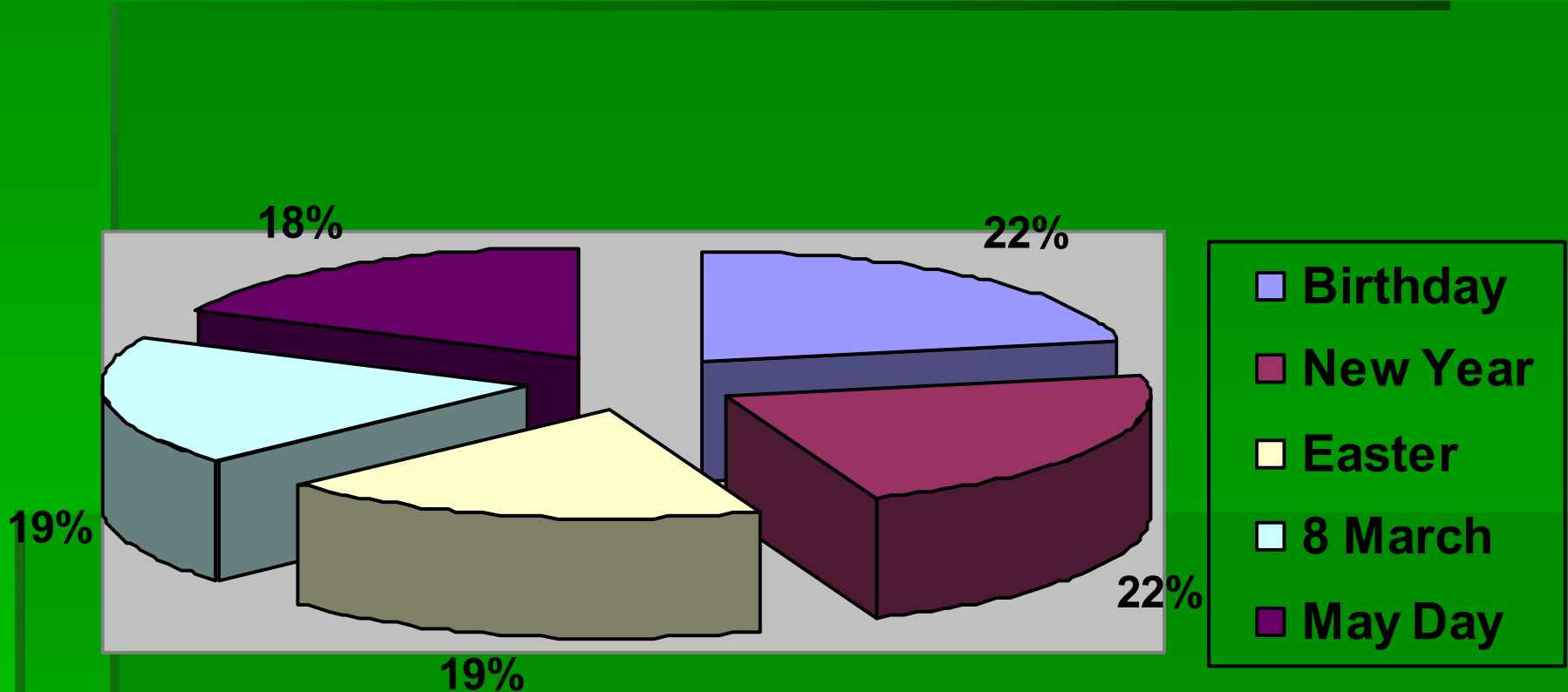
Russian and British holidays are similar in many ways. Look at the table of similarity. Here you can see similar moments in traditions of celebrating the holidays.

	Holidays	Similarity
1.	New Year's Day	Dinner, dance, songs, cards, presents, decorations, concerts, sweets, fur trees.
2.	Christmas	Christmas dinner, cards, presents, decorations, Christmas wishes, songs, divinations.
3.	St.Valentine's Day	Valentine cards, stories, poems, flowers, hearts, words about love, presents, compliments.

What British holidays do Russian children know?



What holidays are celebrated in Russian families?



ST. VALENTINE'S DAY



We celebrate St. Valentine's Day on the 14th of February. We buy and make Valentine cards and send them to our friends. We don't write our names on the cards. Those who gets them must guess who has sent them. We write some words on Valentines such as "Kiss you. I love you. Be happy. Happy Valentine's Day. My love". There are postmen at school. They bring Valentines to our friends. We give presents to each other.



*Thanks for
the attention!*