

WRITING

- 14** Write about your family traditions to a foreign student whom you will host in your family.

Dear ...,

We are glad to know that you will be ... next summer. We will do our best to make your stay For you to feel at home, I would like to give you a few ... about our We are early ... and by 7 everybody is usually up on their Breakfast ... at 8 and by 8.30 everybody is out. The family ... till 5. By this time, everybody ... and a hot meal During the hot meal, everybody ... the others something interesting. The meal usually lasts for half-an-hour. Then, ... TV time or everybody ... whatever one You have an evening ..., of course, with your friends. Our town is quite ..., so you don't have to ... home very early. You should keep in ... that next day you will have to ... very early for work Not at weekends, of course.

If you have any special ..., do let me Looking forward to ... from you.

Yours sincerely,

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CROSSROADS OF CULTURES

Wedding traditions

- 15** Read about some wedding traditions in different cultures.

- France. The bride and the bridegroom drink from a two-handled cup to be together.
- Germany. The bride carries salt and bread in her pocket and the bridegroom carries grain to be wealthy.
- India. The bridegroom's mother throws flower petals over the couple to protect them from evil.
- Ireland. A man, but not a woman, should be the first to wish joy and happiness to the newlyweds.
- Italy. The bride and the bridegroom throw down a glass to break it into pieces as the number of pieces means the number of happy years together.
- Japan. To become a husband and wife officially, the newlyweds take a sip of sake (Japanese rice vodka).
- Africa. A bridegroom presents the bride with some money and a kola nut to promise wealth, protection, food and children.
- Pakistan. A bride wearing red should enter her husband's house putting her right foot first to bring happiness and luck to the family.
- Ukraine. The newlyweds eat together from a wedding karavai to live together as one family for many years.
- Venezuela. The bridegroom gives his bride thirteen coins to show that he can support his wife materially.

In what culture is this wedding ceremony taking place? Is the wedding ceremony taking place in the catholic cathedral? Is the wedding ceremony taking place in the Muslim mosque? Is the wedding ceremony taking place in the Russian Orthodox Church? What does the groom wear? What does the bride wear? What questions are the bride and the bridegroom answering? What are the wedding traditions in your home culture?

