

## 6 Holidays and celebrations

- a Americans have greeting cards for almost every occasion. Look at the following greeting cards.



Do you know these American holidays?

- b Write down the holiday described in the following texts:

\_\_\_\_\_ is always on February 14th.

In schools, children exchange \_\_\_\_\_ cards.

Lovers send cards and many people give their partners and good friends candies or flowers.

\_\_\_\_\_ is on October 31st. On \_\_\_\_\_ children wear costumes, usually of ghosts or witches. The children go from door to door and say, "Trick or treat." ("Trick or treat" means "Give us sweets or we will play a trick on you.") Then the children get candies or apples. There are often \_\_\_\_\_ parties in schools or churches.

The \_\_\_\_\_ is the day that Americans celebrate their independence from Britain. On this day in 1776, the Declaration of Independence was signed and the United States of America was born. Today, on the \_\_\_\_\_ Americans have picnics and watch fireworks in the evening.

\_\_\_\_\_ is an important family holiday for Americans. The pilgrims celebrated the first \_\_\_\_\_ in 1621 to give thanks for a good harvest. The Native Americans – the Indians – helped the pilgrims during the hard winters and together they celebrated \_\_\_\_\_. The first \_\_\_\_\_ lasted for 3 days. Today \_\_\_\_\_ is a family day. Families eat the traditional turkey dinner together. \_\_\_\_\_ is always the fourth Thursday in November.

### Note

candy – candies (AE)  
sweet – sweets (BE)



Which holidays do you celebrate in your country?