LESSON 12 · DAILY PRACTICE

Local Festival

Q1 Routine / Description · Q2 Past Experience · Q3 Change / Comparison · Role-play

Target	Direct answer → specific detail → reason/result
Level path	IL → IM → IH → AL
Speaking focus	Complete subject + verb, stable tense, clear role-play questions
Today's topic	Local Festival

Q1 · Routine / Description

Tell me about a local festival you like. Where is it held, what can people do there, and what do you usually enjoy most?

IL

There is a local festival near my city. It is held in a park. People can eat food and watch performances. I like walking around with my family.

IM

There is a local festival that is held in a large park near my city. There are food booths, small performances, and activities for families. I usually go with my family, try a few snacks, and walk around the festival area. I like the relaxed atmosphere.

IH

One local festival I enjoy is held in a large park not far from my home. The festival usually has food booths, live performances, small activity zones, and places where local businesses introduce their products. When I go there with my family, we normally walk around first, choose something to eat, and watch one or two performances. What I enjoy most is the lively atmosphere without having to travel far.

AL

A local festival I enjoy is usually held in a large park within a short drive of my neighborhood. It brings together food booths, live music, small performances, family activities, and stands run by local shops or community groups. I normally go with my family in the afternoon, walk around before it gets too crowded, try a few foods, and choose one performance to watch. What I like most is that the festival feels special without requiring a long trip. It is an easy way to spend time together while also seeing what is happening in the local community.

Q2 · Past Experience

Tell me about a memorable experience you had at a local festival. What happened, and why do you remember it?

IL

I went to a local festival with my family. It started to rain. We went under a tent and waited. The rain stopped, and the festival continued. I remember it because it was fun.

IM

One time, I went to a local festival with my family, and it suddenly started to rain. We moved under a large tent with other visitors and waited for about twenty minutes. The rain stopped, so the outdoor performances started again. I remember the day because everyone stayed in a good mood.

IH

A festival experience I remember clearly happened when my family and I went to an outdoor event on a weekend. The weather was fine at first, but a sudden shower started while we were walking between the food booths. We moved under a large event tent with many other visitors, and the staff quickly covered some equipment and changed the schedule. About twenty minutes later, the rain became lighter and the performances resumed. I remember it because the organizers handled the situation calmly and the crowd remained surprisingly cheerful.

AL

One of my most memorable festival experiences happened at an outdoor community event I visited with my family. The afternoon started with clear weather, so we were walking around the food area when a sudden shower arrived. Instead of leaving, we followed the staff's instructions and moved under a large event tent. The organizers protected the equipment, announced a revised schedule, and kept visitors informed rather than simply canceling everything. After about twenty minutes, the rain weakened and the main performance resumed. What stayed with me was how smoothly the situation was handled. A small weather problem could have ruined the event, but clear communication kept the atmosphere positive.

Q3 · Change / Comparison

How have local festivals changed compared with the past? Talk about tickets, information, safety, or the way people enjoy festivals today.

IL

In the past, festivals were simpler. People used paper signs and cash. Now people use phones for maps, tickets, and information. Festivals are more convenient.

IM

Local festivals have changed a lot. In the past, people often checked paper posters and paid with cash. These days, visitors can find schedules online, use digital maps, and sometimes reserve tickets on their phones. Safety information is also easier to receive.

IH

Local festivals are much more organized and digital than they used to be. In the past, people depended on paper posters, printed schedules, and cash payments. Today, most visitors check event information online before they arrive, use mobile maps, and receive schedule changes through social media or messaging services. Many festivals also manage crowd flow more carefully and provide clearer safety information. These changes make large events easier to plan and navigate.

AL

The biggest change in local festivals is how much planning and real-time information now happens digitally. Years ago, visitors often depended on printed posters, paper schedules, and information booths once they arrived. Today, people can check parking, performance times, ticket availability, weather notices, and venue maps before leaving home. During the event, organizers can quickly announce delays or crowd-control changes through social media and mobile alerts. Cashless payment has also become more common. As a result, festivals feel more convenient and predictable, although visitors sometimes spend more time looking at their phones instead of simply enjoying the atmosphere.

Role-play · Information Call

You want to visit a local festival this weekend. Call the information center, ask about the schedule, parking, tickets, and what happens if it rains.

IL

Hello. I want to visit the festival this weekend. What time does it start? Is there parking? Do I need a ticket? What happens if it rains? Thank you.

IM

Hello, I am calling about the local festival this weekend. What time does the festival open and close? Is there parking near the event area? Do I need to buy tickets in advance? Also, will the outdoor events be canceled if it rains?

IH

Hello, I am calling because my family is planning to visit the local festival this weekend, and I have a few questions. First, what time do the main events begin? Second, is there a public parking area, or do you recommend using public transportation? Do any of the performances require advance tickets? Finally, if the weather is bad, where can I check whether the schedule has changed?

AL

Hello, I am calling because my family is planning to attend the local festival this weekend, and I would like to confirm a few details before we go. Could you tell me what time the main performances begin and when the festival closes? I also wanted to ask about transportation. Is there a designated parking area nearby, or would public transportation be more convenient? Do any performances or activity zones require advance reservations or paid tickets? One last question: if it rains, will the outdoor program move indoors, be delayed, or be canceled? If the schedule changes, where should I check the latest official notice? Thank you for your help.

FINAL REVIEW · 10-MINUTE ROUTINE

0:00-2:00	**Q1**	Describe the place, activities, and what you enjoy most.
2:00-4:30	**Q2**	Keep the event in past tense: situation → problem → response → result.
4:30-7:00	**Q3**	Use past vs. now and explain why the change matters.
7:00-9:30	**Role-play**	Ask about schedule, parking, tickets, and rain plan.
9:30-10:00	**Reset**	Repeat only the two sentences that were least stable.

AL strategy

Answer the exact question first. Add one concrete detail, then explain the result or opinion. For Q2, keep the event in the past. For Q3, make the past-versus-now contrast explicit. For the role-play, ask distinct questions instead of repeating the same point.