

# WESTERN MUSIC

## Student's Worksheets: GRADE 7 Lesson 8

### Mauritian festivals



### Introduction

A Mauritian festival refers to any cultural or religious celebration that takes place in Mauritius.

Mauritius celebrates a wide variety of festivals throughout the year.

Different communities create their own music, using:

- Unique instruments
- Distinct styles
- Cultural tradition

Exploring the connection between music and culture during festivals helps us:

- Gain a deeper understanding of others
- Appreciate the rich variety of sounds and expressions



## Hindu Festivals



- Maha Shivaratri: Devotees make pilgrimages to Grand Bassin (a sacred lake), often walking barefoot and carrying decorated kanwars (structures made of wood and paper).

## Christian Festivals



- Christmas: Celebrated by Christians and non-Christians alike, with church services, family gatherings, and decorations.



## Muslim Festivals



- Eid-ul-Fitr: Marks the end of Ramadan, with prayers, fasting, and charitable giving.

## Chinese Festivals



- Spring Festival (Chinese New Year): Celebrated with fireworks, lion dances, red decorations, and traditional foods.

**Activity 1****Listening Activity**

Listen and watch the following videos and complete the tables below.

[MAHADEVA - TREVISH FT OMJA](#)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GG6aAMhgiMc&list=RDGG6aAMhgiMc&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GG6aAMhgiMc&list=RDGG6aAMhgiMc&start_radio=1)

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[Cavadee Song](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vs83OFn5bNg>

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[We Wish You a Merry Christmas with Lyrics | Christmas Carol & Song](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-OF7KGyDis>

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[Chinese New Year 2019 - Mauritius Chinatown](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ckzf0RjK-Bk>

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**Activity 2****Group Presentation - Design a Mauritian Festival Poster**

Include visual elements such as:

- Colours and images that capture attention, and convey the festival's mood
- Illustrations or images of Mauritian musical instruments
- Clothing and costumes