



Five College Center for the Study of World Languages

### **Conversation Preparation Guides**

**Title: Foods for Special Occasions**

**Topic: Food and Cooking**

**Level: Intermediate**

#### **Practice on Your Own**

Imagine you are in a country where the language is spoken. You notice that on special occasions people prepare and eat specific foods that they do not typically eat on other days. You are curious to know what dishes are prepared for various holidays and festivals that are celebrated in the country.

- Write down the names of holidays and festivals in the country/ies where the language is spoken.
- Try to find out what dishes are made for different occasions. Do some research online and make a list in the target language.
- Try to find out how to prepare certain foods. Write down the recipes for various dishes.
  - This step can be more or less detailed depending on your language skills. If possible, try to give enough detail so that someone could actually use your recipe to prepare this dish, including all the steps and the amounts for each ingredient. If that is too difficult, do what you can – at least a list of the main ingredients.
- Try to make a list of things that you are curious about or questions that you would like to ask your conversation partner.

#### **Practice in Conversation Session**

- Be prepared to say the names of holidays and festivals in the country/ies where the language is spoken.
- Have a conversation where you ask your conversation partner about what dishes are made for various holidays and festivals.
- Ask your conversation partner about the recipes for a few dishes that interest you.
- Your conversation partner will ask you about the relation of certain foods to holidays or festivals and also how to make various dishes. Be prepared to answer accordingly.