

**Warmer – Festivals**

*Many towns and cities have festivals. These are special days when people celebrate something. What festivals do you have in your country or city?*

**Task 1 – Two London festivals: vocabulary for descriptions**

*Do you know these two London festivals? What do you know about them?*

(a) Notting Hill Carnival



(b) The Lord Mayor's Show



*Which of these things can you see in the pictures?*

1. a mayor (the leader of a town or city)
2. Afro-Caribbean people (people from the Caribbean or West Indies)
3. fantastic costumes
4. a 350-year-old gold coach
5. carnival (where people wear special clothes and sing and dance in the street)

*Work with a partner and describe the pictures.*

**Task 2 – Grammar: questions**

*Make questions by putting the words in order.*

1. festival is month Which the in ?
2. did begin the When festival ?
3. What people at the do do festival ?
4. people How the watch many festival ?
5. time the What does festival start ?

*Check your answers with a partner.*

**Task 3 – Jigsaw reading**

*Read the text.*

**Notting Hill Carnival**

If you want to go to Notting Hill Carnival, come to London on the last weekend in August. The carnival is on Sunday and Monday in West London.



Notting Hill is the largest street festival in Europe. It started in the 1960s so that Afro-Caribbean people could enjoy their culture. People wear

fantastic costumes, dance through the streets and play music. You can also buy lovely Caribbean food, such as chicken and rice.

The performers belong to groups called 'Mas' bands. Because this is a competition, the best bands win prizes. The groups spend many months practising and making their costumes.

About a million people go to Notting Hill to enjoy the carnival. People in many countries see it on TV news programmes.

The carnival starts at 9 a.m. and finishes late at night. Because it is in summer, you may have lovely weather, but bring an umbrella, just in case.

**Task 4 – Information Exchange**

- a. *Work with a partner. Ask the questions from **Task 2** about *The Lord Mayor's Show*. Answer questions about *Notting Hill Carnival*.*
  
- b. *Tell your partner which festival you would like to go to – *The Lord Mayor's Show* or *Notting Hill Carnival*. Say why.*

**Task 5 – Presentation**

*Work in small groups. Tell your group about a festival you enjoy. Say why you enjoy it. If you have an internet connection, find some pictures and show them to your group.*