

Worksheet A

Carnival safety success

Introduction

1. CARNIVAL

What does this word mean to you?
What country does it make you think of?
What happens in carnival?

Do you have carnival in your country?

What public celebrations do you have?

In London, people celebrate carnival. You are going to read or listen to a news report about Carnival 2002.

Look at the headline below

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2. Which of the following words do you expect to see or hear in the article?

Street festival	Health
Boring	Murder
Party	Demonstration
Danger	Balcony
Strike	Colourful
Prisoners	Costumes
Arrest	Wonderful
Music	Cloudy

Read or listen to check your ideas.

3. Answer this question.

What was the problem two years ago and why was Carnival 2002 called a safety success?

Worksheet B

Reading / Listening

1. Are the following statements true or false?
 - a. In Europe, there is a bigger festival than Notting Hill Carnival
 - b. The weather was very good at Carnival 2002
 - c. The carnival parade went a different way this year
 - d. Many activities continued till midnight
 - e. Over a million people wore special costumes
 - f. For some people, it was difficult to see the parade
 - g. Some police danced and partied
 - h. There were many kinds of music
 - i. More than half the arrests were for theft
 - j. The carnival represents only one group or community in London

Follow Up – Writing

You are going to write an article, for an international student magazine, describing a festival or time of celebration in your country.

First of all, get your ideas

What festivals are there in your country?
Have you been to any?
Which one would you like to write about?

When does it take place?
Where does it take place?
What happens at this festival?
How does it start? Is there a parade or march? Is there music? Do people dance? Eat? Drink? What can you see?
Is it religious?
Does the festival have any problems?

What words do you need to describe this festival – adjectives, nouns and verbs?

Now plan your article

What title can it have?
The first paragraph is the introduction – what information can you put here?
Your next paragraphs contain the description – think about the history of the festival, what happens and maybe the problems?
Your final paragraph is the conclusion – perhaps give the main reason for somebody to visit your country to see this festival.

Now, write your article...

Worksheet C

Vocabulary

Match the words on the left with their definitions or synonyms on the right.
Use the text to help you.

hailed as	a place many people live
To deal with something	stood next to the path of the parade
Residential area	described / called
Steward	unjustified / without good reason
Paraded	something that plays music in a public place
Lined the route	to take action about something
Glimpse	stealing from someone's pockets
Sound system	walked in a public procession
Pick-pocketing	a quick look
Ill founded	someone who helps control a big event

Text

Carnival Safety Success

This year's Notting Hill Carnival, Europe's biggest street festival, is being hailed as the best ever. Despite the cloudy skies, the carnival brought the streets to life in its own unique way with record numbers and little reported crime,

After the two murders in 2000, there had been major safety worries concerning this year's carnival. To deal with these fears several changes were made. Firstly, the route for the carnival was changed to avoid the narrowest streets in Notting Hill, a residential area with many small roads. Secondly, the carnival organisers provided more stewards and they received better training. Finally, the organisers ensured that the ending time, 9 p.m., was closely observed.

Following these changes, Carnival 2002 saw more than a million people party in the streets of Notting Hill. More than 3,000 people dressed in spectacular colourful costumes and paraded and danced through the streets, crowds of four and five people deep lined the route to catch a glimpse of the event. Residents partied on apartment balconies and even the police got in on the act. Apart from the carnival parade, the local area was filled with sound systems pumping out music of all different kinds – Samba, Soca, Reggae and Rap music being the most common.

Police yesterday said that 56 arrests were made over the weekend, which included 30 arrests for pick-pocketing and three for robbery. The chairman of the Notting Hill Carnival Trust, Chris Mullard, yesterday said, "The criticism of the event has been ill founded and I hope people will now see the carnival for what it is; a wonderful opportunity to project the multiculturalism that is metropolitan London."