

Activity Type

Reading and Vocabulary Exercises: reading comprehension questions, gap-fill, ordering (pair work)

Focus

Carnival

Aim

To learn about the Christian festival Carnival and its associated vocabulary.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

Also, make one copy of the sentence strips for each pair of students and cut as indicated.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this Carnival worksheet and activity, students learn about the Christian festival of Carnival and its associated vocabulary.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

To begin, students read a text about Carnival and answer comprehension questions about it in complete sentences.

Exercise B - Answer key

1. One of the most famous Carnival celebrations is held in Venice.
2. People are often wearing fancy costumes and masks during Carnival.
3. Two things that make the atmosphere special are the confetti and streamers, and the lively music.
4. Music plays a key role in the celebrations, often accompanied by dancers in the streets.
5. Carnival brings communities together, offering a time to celebrate with friends and family.

Students then complete sentences about Carnival with words from a box.

Exercise C - Answer key

1. parade, decorations
2. cloak, crown
3. lively, float
4. confetti, costumes

After that, divide the students into pairs.

Give each pair a set of sentence strips.

Ask the students to shuffle the sentence strips and place them face-up on the table.

Students then arrange the strips in the correct order to reveal a Carnival story.

Finally, check the correct order of the story with the class by eliciting the answers from the students.

The correct order is shown on the uncut worksheet.

A. Read the text about Carnival.

Carnival is a lively festival celebrated in many parts of the world, especially in Brazil and Italy. It is a time for exciting celebrations, parties, and colourful parades. During Carnival, people wear fancy costumes and masks to hide their identities. These masks are often decorated with bright colours and detailed designs, making the streets look even more colourful.



One of the most famous Carnival celebrations takes place in Venice, where floats pass through the streets during the parade. People throw confetti and streamers into the air, creating a joyful and festive atmosphere. Some people also wear cloaks or crowns to add to the excitement of the event. Music plays a key role in the celebrations, and there are often dancers in the streets, moving to the rhythm of traditional songs.

Carnival is not just a party, it is also an important tradition that brings communities together. The festival is a time to have fun, enjoy the atmosphere, and celebrate with friends and family.

B. Answer the questions about the text in full sentences.

1. Where is one of the most famous Carnival celebrations held?

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2. What are people often wearing during Carnival?

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3. What are two things that make the atmosphere of Carnival special?

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4. How is music involved in the celebrations?

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5. What does Carnival bring to communities?

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C. Complete the sentences with the words from the box.


costumes crown parade confetti lively float decorations cloak

1. The was full of colourful that brightened up the entire street.

2. She wore a beautiful and a golden as she danced in the festival.

3. The music played loudly as the moved through the crowd.

4. The children threw into the air while wearing fun at the parade..



It was a bright and sunny morning, and Clara and her friends were excited because they were going to the Carnival parade for the first time.

They prepared their costumes carefully. Clara wore a bright blue dress and a shiny silver mask she had made herself while her friends dressed as pirates, wizards, and even a sunflower.

As they approached the parade route, the streets were already filled with colourful decorations, music, and the sound of laughter.

After finding a good spot near the main square, they waited eagerly for the parade to begin.

The parade started with great energy as a lively marching band began playing traditional music.

Dancers in fancy costumes moved and danced down the street, making the crowd cheer and clap along.

Clara cheered even louder when a float shaped like a giant dragon passed by, breathing out smoke.

Feeling hungry from all the excitement, Clara bought a warm doughnut sprinkled with sugar from a street vendor.

Later in the afternoon, a group of jugglers and acrobats performed amazing tricks right in front of them.

As the sun set, lanterns lit up the streets, creating a magical atmosphere.

To end the night, Clara and her friends joined a group dancing in the square, laughing and moving to the music.

Exhausted but happy, they walked home, already planning their costumes for next year's Carnival.