

UNIT 6

Keeping traditions
and customs alive



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Activity 1

Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space.

The Carnival in Rio

Like all cultures, the Brazilians have their own 1..... way of doing things. This is especially true with the 2..... celebration of the coming of Easter which lasts for four days. 3..... this time the streets of Rio are full of people watching or taking part in a lavish Carnival 4..... The Brazilians celebrate with a world-famous carnival which takes 5..... seven weeks before Easter every year. The Rio carnival probably grew out of the pagan celebrations and the 6..... of ordinary people celebrating the end of beginning of Spring.



It is a time of great partying and dancing with people dressing 7..... in all sorts of colourful and amazing 8..... which they have spent all year making. The word Carnival comes from “carne vale” meaning “farewell or goodbye to meat”. Although the official Carnival starting day is Saturday, the partying begins in earnest the night before and continues through Tuesday (Mardi Gras means “Fat Tuesday”).

During the Carnival, the different parade elements must work as a single unit, dramatizing the same theme, which the samba school changes annually. They willingly do this because Carnival is a fantasy 9....., which helps them forget their hard everyday lives. The major 10..... of every Carnival is the sounds and sights of the parading samba schools that goes on from dusk to day break.

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|------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1. A. only | B. unique | C. lonely | D. one |
| 2. A. weekly | B. anniversary | C. annual | D. regular |
| 3. A. Nowadays | B. At present | C. Through | D. During |
| 4. A. procession | B. march | C. demonstration | D. walk |
| 5. A. part | B. off | C. place | D. on |
| 6. A. laws | B. heritage | C. habits | D. rituals |
| 7. A. down | B. in | C. off | D. up |
| 8. A. dresses | B. costumes | C. suits | D. shirts |
| 9. A. escape | B. attraction | C. reminder | D. life |
| 10. A. invention | B. celebration | C. decoration | D. attraction |

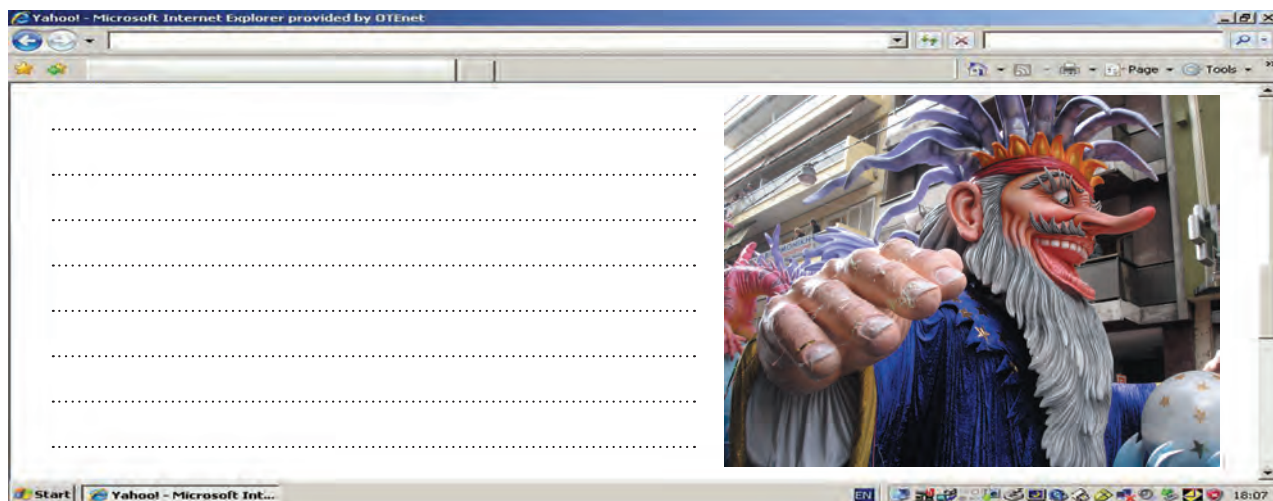
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Activity 2

You would like to invite your English speaking friend to visit you during the Carnival time just before Easter.

Write an e-mail of about 40-50 words to your friend. You should

- invite your friend to your home
- say why you think the Carnival time would be a good time to visit
- explain what happens during the Carnival.



Activity 3 - Grammar



Complete the sentences with the correct verb in the correct tense.

seem	remind	happen	own	show
agree	allow	cry	build	tell

1. The King his soldiers to put Guy Fawkes in prison.
2. Many people to believe in ghosts and spirits.
3. Celebrations people of special events in their culture.
4. His father him photographs of his childhood.
5. Most parents in the UK their children to stay out late on Bonfire Night.
6. All kinds of things during celebrations.
7. Everyone to come to the fireworks party.
8. The little girl when she saw the horrible mask.
9. The plotters a house which was next to Parliament.
10. Most children in the UK know how to a bonfire.



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Activity 4

Look at each text. What does it say?

1.

John,
Got to go out for a while. I'll try to get back by 9 pm.
Remember to record the documentary about world carnivals for me. It starts at 8.30.
Love, Liz

A. John should go out for a while.
B. Liz wants to watch the documentary later.
C. Liz wants John to go to the carnival.
2.

Maria,
Could you e-mail the times of the different events for the festival? I need to arrange for a taxi.
Sorry, I wasn't able to get to the presentation on time.
Cheers!
Susan

A. Maria and Susan were together at the presentation.
B. Susan wants to know about the festival events.
C. Susan is trying to plan her trip to the festival.
3.

CARNIVAL
All welcome. Friday night 9.30 at the central square. Fancy dress a must. Prizes for best costumes. Food and drinks available for a small fee.

A. Food and drink is free to all.
B. The Carnival starts at 9.30 on Friday.
C. Everyone must have a dress.
4.

Remember, remember the
5th of November
Gunpowder,
treason and plot.
I see no reason that
Gunpowder treason
Should ever be forgot.

A. We must forget the 5th of November.
B. It is important to remember a reason.
C. Never forget the Gunpowder plot.
5.

**DO NOT LIGHT FIREWORKS
WITHOUT ASSISTANCE.
ASK AN ADULT TO HELP.**

A. Light fireworks only when there is an adult near you.
B. If there is an adult near you, do not light fireworks.
C. Ask an adult to light your fireworks.



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Activity 5

Match the celebrations below with the reason:

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. <u>28th of October</u> | a) Christmas day |
| 2. <u>25th of March</u> | b) Resurrection of Jesus Christ |
| 3. <u>25th December</u> | c) Not eating meat Day |
| 4. <u>31st December</u> | d) New Year's Eve |
| 5. <u>Apokries/Carnival</u> | e) Dressing up and having parties |
| 6. <u>Clean Monday</u> | f) Eating roast meat Day |
| 7. <u>Chikno Thursday</u> | g) 'NO' Day |
| 8. <u>Easter</u> | h) Revolution Day |



Activity 6

Complete the sentences by putting the words in capitals into the correct form (-age, ment, -ion):

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|--|-----------------|
| 1. The little girl look at her in the water. | REFLECT |
| 2. There was muchamong the children about the festival. | EXCITE |
| 3. The bride and groom left the church in a white | CARRY |
| 4. Ourfrom the mayor was to decorate all the streets. | INSTRUCT |
| 5. Are we all inabout where we will have the bonfire? | AGREE |
| 6. In case of damage or
we must be very careful. BREAK | |
| 7. The Christmas tree is a modern day
..... INVENT | |
| 8. The boys had an | |
| 9. If Guy Fawkes had blown up the
building there would have been
great
of blood. SPILL | |



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Activity 7

Complete the following sentences with one of the prepositional phrases in the box.

from year to year from one to the other from time to time from dusk to daybreak
from door to door from morning to night from place to place

- The children went asking for wood to burn on the bonfire.
- Although bonfires are usually safe, some people get hurt.
- The location of the festival changes
- We have been having this celebration since I was born.
- The bulls run through the streets of Pamplona all day
- At Christmas, it is the tradition among family members to exchange gifts
- The Carnival celebrations in Rio go on all night



Activity 8

Match the verbs 1-6 with a suitable preposition a-f.

- | | |
|-------------|-------------|
| 1. frighten | a. out |
| 2. join | b. away |
| 3. dress | c. together |
| 4. put | d. out |
| 5. keep | e. off |
| 6. hollow | f. up |

Now, complete the following sentences using the phrases.

- The tradition in America on the last day of the year is to the tree and hide inside.
- All the people in the village usually to help prepare the Square.
- In ancient times, a candle light was used to anything bad from the house.
- It is the job of the local firemen to the bonfire the next morning.
- In Greece at carnival time most people like to and go to a party.
- The reason why people in England wear spooky costumes is to evil spirits.



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Activity 9 - Word square

Find 10 words about festivals in the word square. Then match the words to the pictures a-j.

B	G	E	A	B	C	S	T	H	C
I	J	H	K	R	D	P	W	L	O
R	H	M	L	O	C	O	F	M	S
F	B	D	M	O	S	O	T	D	T
H	N	P	U	M	P	K	I	N	U
Z	E	F	F	I	G	Y	K	O	M
S	W	I	T	C	H	G	H	A	E
F	I	R	E	W	O	R	K	S	S
O	L	R	A	D	S	T	R	A	W
N	T	R	E	A	T	H	T	N	E



a.



b.



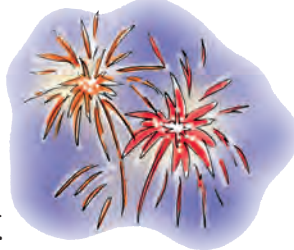
c.



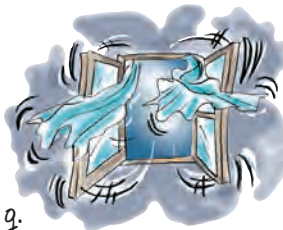
d.



e.



f.



g.



h.



i.

Activity 10 - Similar or different?

Underline the most suitable word of those in bold in each sentence.

- How can we **say** / **tell** the difference between a ghost and a spirit?
- Her father **allowed** / **let** her to stay out late for the carnival.
- In Greece, it is the **ritual** / **tradition** for the bride to step on the husband's foot during the wedding ceremony.
- The **groom** / **bride** wore a beautiful white dress.
- The young woman received a **heritage** / **dowry** of fifty olive trees and ten sheep for her marriage.
- The children walked through the fields using the light of their **candle** / **lantern** to see.
- Who **belongs** / **owns** this fancy dress costume?
- The **Houses** / **Buildings** of Parliament in Greece are in Syntagma square.
- Cinderella went to the ball in a beautiful golden **cart** / **carriage**.
- The government makes the **laws** / **rules** in each country.



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Activity 11

The words in bold italics are in the wrong sentences. Find the correct sentence for each word.

- a) An **effigy** number is one that is like 1, 3, 5, 7, 9.
- b) Please leave clean **torch-lit** in the bathroom for the guests.
- c) The candles and cakes are **straw** and not from the shops.
- d) At Easter, on the island of Hydra a/an **treat** of a traitor is burned each year.
- e) There was a **homemade** procession through the streets with the epitaph.
- f) The syrup on the apples is very **odd**.
- g) Many effigies are made of **towels**.
- h) People usually give children a **ceremony** when they knock on their doors at Halloween.
- i) The wedding **sticky** lasted two hours.



Activity 12

Here are some sentences about Christmas. For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

- 1. Parents say to their children that Santa will come at midnight.
Parents that Santa will come at midnight.
- 2. As a child, I remember leaving carrots and sugar for the reindeer.
When I was a child I would carrots and sugar for the reindeer.
- 3. 'Would you help me with trimming the tree for Christmas?' asked my father.
My father asked him to trim the tree for Christmas.
- 4. 'Yes, of course we can use coloured lights on the tree', mum agreed.
Mum agreed coloured lights on the tree.
- 5. Years ago, people would put a little boat in their sitting room window at Christmas.
In people would put a little boat in their sitting-room windows at Christmas.

