

# Festivals around the world (a worksheet)

## Activity 1

*Discuss with your partner.*



1. Have you ever been to a festival?
2. Which famous festivals from around the world do you know?
3. Which festival do you dream of visiting?
4. Does your country host any festivals?
5. Why do people organise/go to festivals?

## Activity 2

*Match the names of festivals and the pictures.*



Rio Carnival Venice Carnival Swedish Midsummer La Tomatina Fez Festival of World Sacred Music Naadam Festival Glastonbury



1. \_\_\_\_\_



2. \_\_\_\_\_



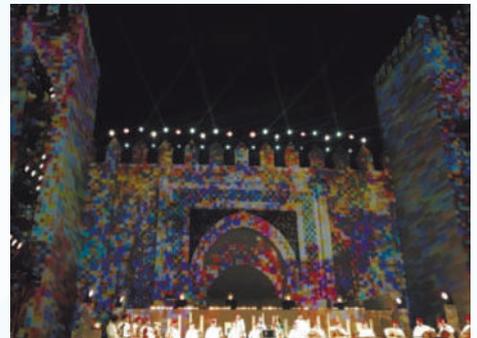
3. \_\_\_\_\_



4. \_\_\_\_\_



5. \_\_\_\_\_



6. \_\_\_\_\_



7. \_\_\_\_\_



## Activity 3

Read about festivals from around the world and match the paragraphs and the headings.

1. Carnival Of Venice, Italy
2. Swedish Midsummer, Sweden
3. Fez Festival of World Sacred Music, Morocco
4. Rio Carnival, Brazil
5. Naadam Festival, Mongolia
6. Glastonbury, England
7. La Tomatina, Spain

1. \_\_\_\_\_

This is a two week-long grand event. People put on masks and throw perfumed eggs at each other. There are also concerts, different types of street performances and candle-lit boat parade.

2. \_\_\_\_\_

This massive festival was started in 1994 and designed to bridge the gaps between cultures and bring people from different religions together. While this won't be a festival on everyone's list, if you're interested in religion and music then this is one of the biggest festivals on the continent.

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Thousands upon thousands of people make their way from all corners of the world to fight in this 'World's Biggest Food Fight' where more than one hundred tons of over-ripe tomatoes are thrown in the streets.

4. \_\_\_\_\_

This festival is an ancient cultural spectacle that combines colourful costumes and performances with an exciting tournament of the traditional sports of archery, wrestling and bareback horse riding. This biggest festival of the year is held in the country's capital Ulaanbaatar, and presents visitors with an incredible opportunity to experience the culture and people of this amazing land.

5. \_\_\_\_\_

This is the most famous festival in the world and attracts thousands of people with its dancing, parades, floats, music, and drinking.

6. \_\_\_\_\_

People often begin the day by picking flowers and making wreaths to place on the maypole, which is a key component in the celebrations. Locals head out into nature, dance around a maypole, eat lots of fish, drinks lots of beer, and stay up to enjoy the longest day of the year. After all, the sun doesn't set until about midnight. One of the traditional foods eaten during the festival is pickled herring (usually with schnapps).

7. \_\_\_\_\_

This is one of the largest music festivals in the world. Though best known for its contemporary music, it also features dance, comedy, theater, circus, cabaret, and many other arts. About 150,000 people come to this area for a few days of music, mud, and mayhem. The fields turn into giant tent cities as everyone camps out looking to have some fun! Even with 150,000 tickets and 900 acres of land, the event still sells out in under an hour!

## Activity 4

*Answer the questions. Use the previous activity to help you.*

1. At which festivals can you experience different aspects of local cultures?
2. Which festivals are music-oriented?
3. Which festivals include food-fights?
4. At which festivals is it better not to wear new or expensive clothes?
5. Which of these festivals would you like to visit most and why?
6. Where do you think festivals originated from?

## Activity 5

*Watch the [video](#) about the origin of carnivals around the world and answer the questions.*

1. In how many countries is Carnival celebrated?
2. Where did the concept of Carnival originate from?
3. How did Carnival come to ancient Greece and Rome?
4. What does Carnival mean according to the Catholic calendar?
5. How was Carnival celebrated in 18th century Italy?
6. How did Carnival spread around the world?
7. Where does the Brazilian Carnival originate from?
8. Are carnivals celebrated in India?
9. Which two cultures are mixed in the Trinidad's carnival?
10. In which American cities is the Carnival celebrated?

## Activity 6

*Prepare a presentation on a festival from your country or from somewhere in the world. Make sure to mention the following points:*

1. History
2. Date and country
3. Events at the festival
4. Why people should go there

