

# EXOTIC FESTIVALS



# GOALS

1. Practice expressing opinions about exotic festivals in Russia and Britain
2. Practice reading an encyclopedia article for specific information about exotic celebrations
3. Collect materials for a short survey about exotic festivals



# VOCABULARY

- a pole – a long slender rounded piece of wood or metal, e g as a support for a tent



- rolling – using rotatory motion, turn over and over



- **rowing – moving a boat by using oars**



- **a lantern – a case for a light used to protect it from the wind**



- a horse drawn carriage – a vehicle with four wheels, pulled by a horse, for carrying people



- a float – a low platform on wheels used for showing things in a procession





- to blow up – to explode



- gunpowder – explosive powder used in guns, fireworks, etc.





- **to conquer – to defeat or overcome enemies**



- **a guy – a man**



- a chestnut – a tree with smooth bright reddish-brown nut, some fit to be eatable





# VIDEO

## TRUE OR FALSE



1. **British people celebrate May Day on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May with dances around the Maypole and Morris dancing.**



2. **The name of the strangest festival on the last day of May in Glostershire is cheese eating.**



3. **Oxford and Cambridge rowing teams take part in Oxford and Cambridge boat race.**



- 4. The 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Ascot summer horse race is called Hat's Day because ladies including the Queen wear extraordinary designers' hats.
- 5. The name of the three day musical festival which takes place at the end of June is Glastonbury festival.
- 6. During Notting Hill street carnival in West London 2 million people can see a spectacular parade with floats and drum bands.





7. The 5<sup>th</sup> day of Diwali, Hindu New Year is celebrated with special competitions.

8. Guy Fox Night is celebrated with fireworks, bonfires and parties where a figure of a guy is burnt, because Guy Fox tried to blow up the Tower of London with gunpowder.

9. In the game of Conquers you have to break a nut of a chestnut tree on a string by hitting it.



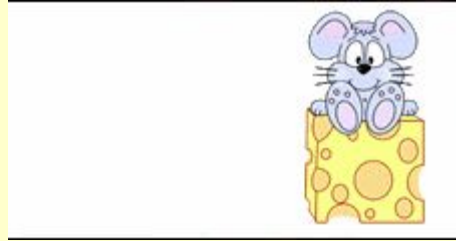
# CHECK



1.

**False. British people celebrate May Day on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May with dances around the Maypole and Morris dancing.**





2. **False. The name of the strangest festival on the last day of May in Glostershire is cheese rolling.**
3. **True. Oxford and Cambridge rowing teams take part in Oxford and Cambridge boat race.**





- 4. False. The 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Ascot summer horse race is called Ladies' Day.





- **5.True. The name of the 3 day musical festival which takes place at the end of June is Glastonbury festival.**







- **6. True. During Notting Hill street carnival in West London 2 million people can see a spectacular parade with floats and drum bands.**

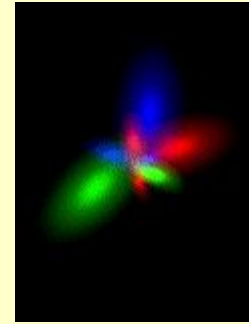


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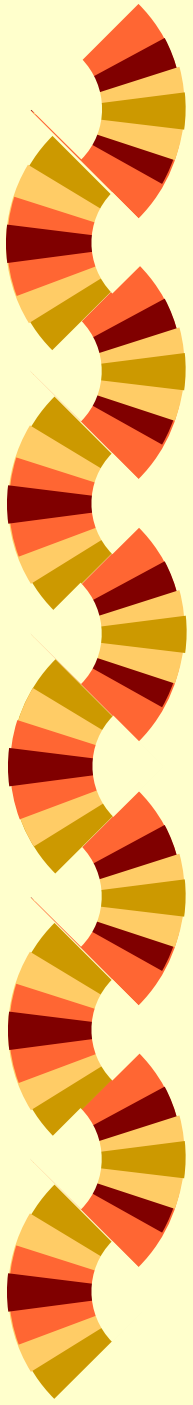
- 7. False. The 5<sup>th</sup> day of Diwali, Hindu New Year is celebrated with special food, cards, presents, lamps, lanterns, fireworks and dances.





- **8. False. Guy Fox Night is celebrated with fireworks, bonfires and parties where a figure of a guy is burnt, because Guy Fox tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament with gun powder.**



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- **9. True. In the game of Conquers you have to break a nut of a chestnut tree on a string by hitting it.**



# MAKING QUESTIONS

When and how begin ?

When and how did Notting Hill carnival begin?

When take place?

When does it take place?

Why spectacular?

Why is the festival so spectacular? 

What kind of music ?

What kind of music can you hear at this carnival?

What kind of music do they play there?

What buy at the festival?

What can you buy/see at the festival?



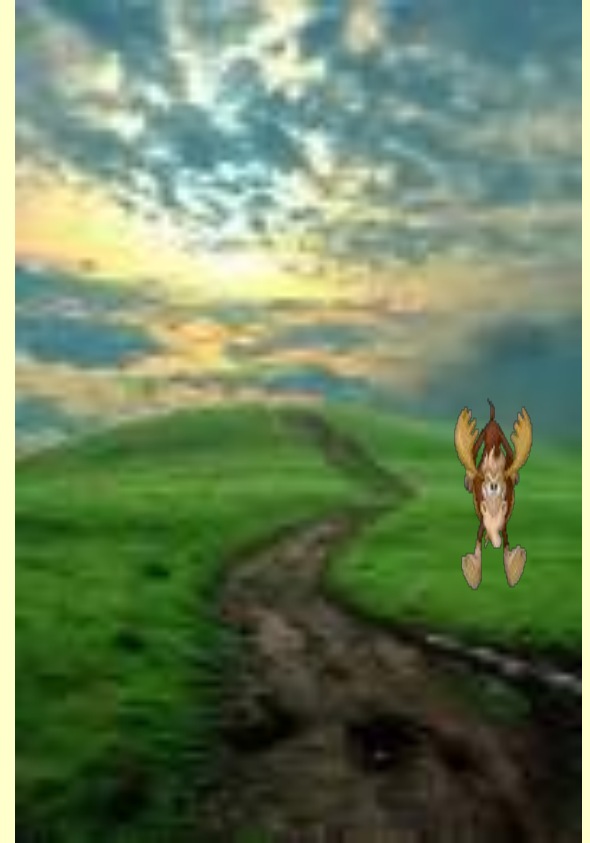
# VOCABULARY

- **Lent – the period before Easter during which Christians eat less food or stop doing something that they enjoy**





- to wind – to go with lots of bends and turns
- crafts – hand-made things





# READING

- Students' Book, page 50 exercise 3
- Read the text and answer the questions you've made.
- 1. When and how did Notting Hill carnival begin?
- 2. When does it take place?
- 3. Why is the festival so spectacular?
- 4. What kind of music can you hear at this carnival?
- 5. What can you buy at the festival?
- 3 minutes



# CHECK

- 1. It began in 1966. It was the inspiration of the black people of the Caribbean, particularly from Trinidad, where a pre-Lenten carnival has been held for many decades.



- 2. It takes place on the last weekend in August.

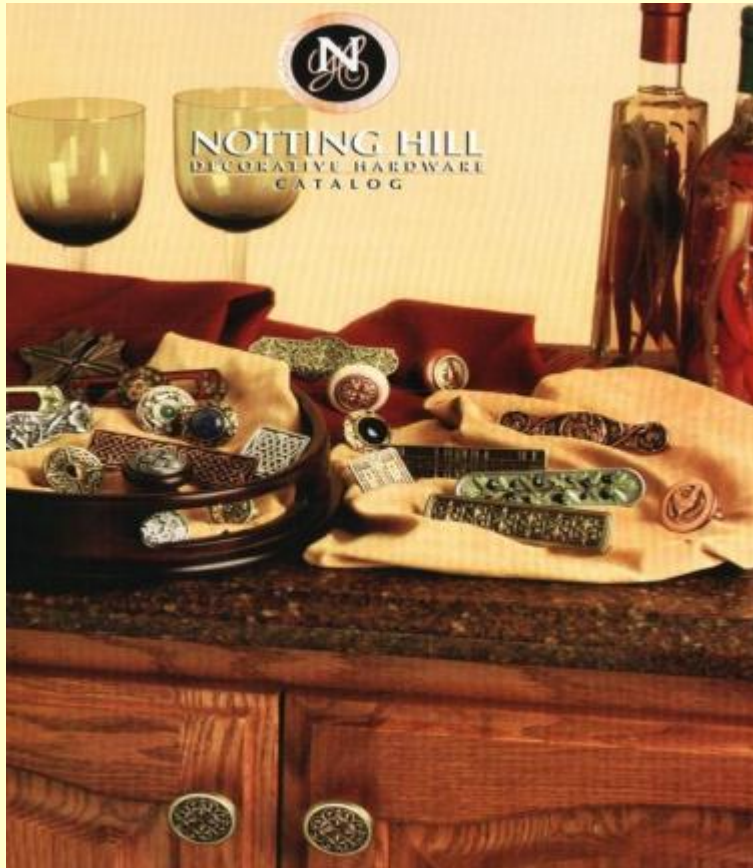




- 4. The festival is very spectacular because of fantastic costume displays.
- 5. People can hear calypso songs and soca ( a mixture of soul and calypso), steel drum music, reggae and hip-hop.

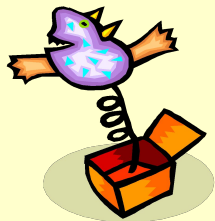


- 5. At the festival people can buy exotic food and crafts.



# SPEAKING

- Close the books and tell everything you can about Notting hill carnival. Remember the film and the text.



# SURVEY

- Your homework will be writing a survey about British exotic festivals.
- So ask 3 students 3 questions about their attitude to exotic celebrations.





Ask about

1. the most exotic festival,
2. the festival you would like to take part in and the reason (because...),
- 3 the festival you wouldn't like to take part in and the reason (because...).



- Don't give short answers – develop your ideas.
- Use phrases from Language Support on page 45 in exercise 4.
- Make short notes of the answers.

- 3 minutes







# STUDENTS' PRESENTATIONS



Christening



Cupala's night

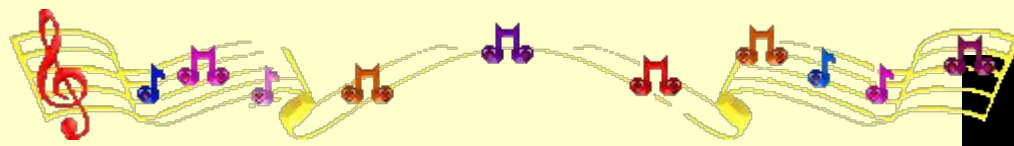


The Holy Trinity



Shrovetide





# HOMework



1. **Write a survey about British exotic festivals. Use the tips from exercise 5 on page 45, linking words (from pages 29, 42), phrases for reporting results from Language Support on page 45 in exercise 5.**

**Don't forget about yourself.**

2. **Tell about Notting Hill carnival (S.B., p. 50)**





# RESULTS



- **Share your opinions**
- **about the most exotic Russian festival,**
- **the Russian exotic festival you'd like to participate,**
- **the Russian exotic festival you wouldn't like to participate.**
- **Give reasons.**

