

Venice Carnival 2020

Intermediate level

Warm-up

Play the taboo game in pairs.



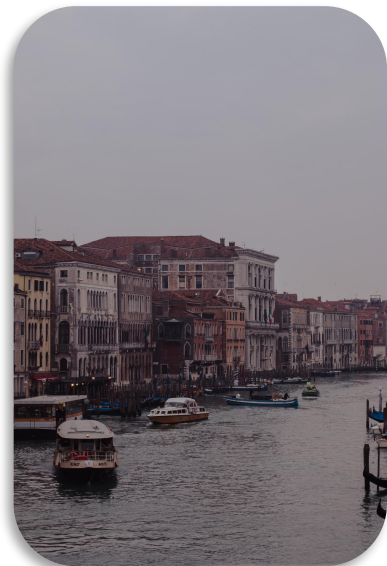
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Lead-in

a) Look at the pictures. Which city is it? Where is it situated?



Lead-in

b) Answer the questions.

1. Have you ever been to Venice? If not, would you like to visit it?
2. What is Venice famous for?
3. Have you ever heard about Venice Carnival? If yes, what do you know about it?
4. Are there any similar holidays in your country?



Task 1

Match the words with the appropriate pictures.

1. Sumptuous

2. Parade

3. Gondola

4. Festivity

5. Trace

6. Juggler

7. Conquest

a)



f)



g)



c)



d)



b)



e)



Task 2

Match the nouns with the groups of words they go with.

Sumptuous, parade, gondola, festivity, trace, juggler, conquest

to hold, costumes, of public celebration,
French, with a lot of balls, ride, annual




Task 3

- Watch the [video](#) about the history of Venice Carnival and answer the question:
- When did the Carnival become a public festivity?



Task 4

Watch the [video](#) again and fill in with the missing information.

1. Every year a lot of tourists come to Venice to see ... in the streets and squares.
2. The origins of the carnival trace back to ...
3. During the carnival people used to spend their time on ...
4. Wearing masks and costumes gave people an opportunity to disguise their ...
5. You could see ... everywhere in the city during the carnival.
6. The carnival became extremely famous in ...
7. The government restored the ancient tradition in ...
8.  The award ceremony of ... takes place on ...



Task 5

Discuss the questions in pairs.

1. Now, when you have already watched the video, what are the three things that come to your mind when you hear Venice?
2. What role does Venice play in Italy?
3. What do you think life is like in Venice?
4. What is your image of the typical Venetian?
5. Would you like to attend Venice Carnival? Explain your choice.
6. Is there any carnival held in your country? If yes, do you go to it? What does the carnival in your country involve?



Task 6

Watch the [video](#) about the opening of Venice Carnival 2020. What is the most breathtaking moment?



Hometask

Search the latest photos and videos posted on Instagram with the #VeniceCarnival2020. Choose the best mask and costume that you think will win at the award ceremony. Explain your choice.

Follow the news of Venice Carnival 2020 to see the winner of the best costume.

