

### London – Notting Hill Carnival

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### SPEAKING – WARM UP

Think of three things you know about the Notting Hill Carnival in London. Go round the room swapping details with others.

### LISTENING – WRITING - DICTATION

The teacher will read some lines of the article slowly to the class.

### READING

Students should now read the article aloud, swapping readers every paragraph.

### SPEAKING - UNDERSTANDING

**1) The article** – Students check any unknown vocabulary or phrases with the teacher.

**2) The article** - Students should look through the article with the teacher.

- 1) What is the article about?
- 2) What do you think about the article?
- 3) Was this an easy or difficult article to understand?
- 4) Was this a boring or interesting article?
- 5) Discuss the article.

**3) Article quiz** - Students quiz each other in pairs. Score a point for each correct answer. Score half a point each time you have to look at the article for help. See who can get the highest score!

### Student A questions

- 1) Name the country.
- 2) Where is Notting Hill?
- 3) How many volunteers are there?
- 4) How long has the carnival been running?
- 5) Name two types of food.

### Student B questions

- 1) Name three types of music.
- 2) What is the best way to travel to the carnival?
- 3) What is at the heart of the Notting hill Carnival?
- 4) What is there an amazing array of?
- 5) When is the Notting Hill Carnival?

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### WRITING / SPEAKING

*In pairs.* On the board write as many words as you can to do with the **Notting Hill Carnival**. *One-two minutes.* Compare with other teams. Using your words compile a short dialogue together.

### WRITING / SPEAKING

*In pairs* – Using the article write down three things you know about the Notting Hill Carnival. Discuss together.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

Think of three other carnivals you know of. Write them down. Talk about them. Which is the most famous? Which is the biggest? Which is the more popular? Discuss together.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

*The teacher* will choose some pairs to discuss their findings in front of the class.

### SPEAKING / DRAWING / GOOGLING

*As a class* – **Design a float / carnival costumes!** – Draw your ideas on the board **OR** Google some ideas, print them out and create an effect you can talk about and present to the class. *5-7 mins.*

### DISCUSSION

#### Student A questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Would you like to go to the Notting Hill Carnival?
- 3) What was the last carnival you saw?
- 4) Have you ever taken part in a carnival?
- 5) Would you like to play in a steel band?
- 6) Why do people like carnivals?
- 7) Have you ever seen a steel band live?
- 8) Have you ever tried to cook some Caribbean food?
- 9) Have you been to London? If yes, when? How was it?
- 10) Have you learnt anything in today's English lesson?

### SPEAKING – ROLEPLAY 1

*In groups.* One of you is the interviewer. There are up to four guests. You are in the BBC World News studio. Today's interview is: **Notting Hill Carnival**. *10 mins.*

- 1) A dancer who will be in this year's carnival.
- 2) Someone who will be in a steel band in this year's carnival.
- 3) Someone who is running a Caribbean food stall.
- 4) An organiser of the Notting Hill Carnival.

*The teacher* will choose some groups to roleplay their interview in front of the class.

### SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2

*In pairs.* Student A is in Notting Hill. Student B is on a social network. Start a conversation about the Notting Hill Carnival. *5 mins.*

### SPEAKING – GAME

*Allow 10 minutes* – As a class.

Form a circle – then go round in a clockwise direction.

*I went to the Notting Hill Carnival and I saw...*  
Repeat the previous suggestions then add one of your own. If you forget what was previously said you are eliminated!

*The teacher* can moderate the session.

### DISCUSSION

#### Student B questions

- 1) Have you ever been to the Notting Hill Carnival? If yes, when.
- 2) Do you like Caribbean food?
- 3) Do you like to try different foods from around the world?
- 4) Will there be many people at this year's Notting Hill Carnival?
- 5) Have you ever tried jerk chicken, rice and peas?
- 6) Have you ever seen the movie 'Notting Hill'?
- 7) Have you visited the legendary Notting Hill market?
- 8) Has this been a difficult lesson for you to understand?
- 9) Did you like this discussion?

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**GAP FILL: READING**

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There is nothing quite like the (7)\_\_\_ of the Notting Hill Carnival. There is that wonderful (8)\_\_\_ of traditional Caribbean food.

***carnival / aroma / annual / smell / traditions / array / celebration / vibrant***

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***procession / steel bands / exotic / travel / street stalls / funk / variety / appetite***

**GAP FILL: GRAMMAR**

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## GAP FILL: LISTENING

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## WRITING/SPELLING

### WRITING / SPEAKING

**1) On the board** - *In pairs, as a class* - write down 10 other events you might see in London during the summer. Talk about them! 5 mins.

**2) Sentence starters** - Finish these sentence starters. Correct your mistakes. Compare what other people have written.

- 1) The Notting Hill Carnival \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) The food \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Music \_\_\_\_\_

**3) Homework** - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: **London – Notting Hill Carnival**. Your email can be read out in class.

### GAP FILL READING

- 1) annual
- 2) traditions
- 3) carnival
- 4) array
- 5) celebration
- 6) vibrant
- 7) smell
- 8) aroma

### SPELLING

The teacher will ask the class individually to spell the following words that are in the article. Afterwards check your answers.

- 1) traditionally
- 2) annual
- 3) volunteers
- 4) carnival
- 5) since
- 6) community
- 7) celebrate
- 8) own
- 9) colourful
- 10) solidarity

### ANSWERS

- 1) exotic
- 2) appetite
- 3) street stalls
- 4) variety
- 5) steel bands
- 6) funk
- 7) procession
- 8) travel

### SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

**Pass = 12**

**Good = 15**

**Very good = 18**

**Excellent = 20**

- 11) wonderful
- 12) aroma
- 13) introduction
- 14) Caribbean
- 15) exotic
- 16) curries
- 17) Trinidad
- 18) international
- 19) public
- 20) procession

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