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## WRITING • A special day

I can write a description of a celebration or special day.

**THINK!** What is your favourite special day or celebration?

# The Notting Hill Carnival

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Every year in London there's a big celebration called the Notting Hill Carnival. The carnival is in August and the people in it celebrate Caribbean culture.

In the carnival there are big parades in the street and there's Caribbean food. People make costumes for the parades. They also play music and dance in the streets. It's noisy, but it's also friendly.

I don't usually wear a costume, but I always watch the parades. I also dance because I really like Caribbean music – it's a lot of fun.

A. Read. Then answer the following questions.

1. **When** is the carnival? \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Where** is the carnival? \_\_\_\_\_

3. **What** do people do?

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

B. Language point: also

How do you say also in your language? Then choose the correct words.

1. (We have also / We also have)

We buy presents. \_\_\_\_\_ a family meal.

2. (There's also / There also is)

There are fireworks. \_\_\_\_\_ a concert.

3. (I also like / I like also)


I like school, but \_\_\_\_\_ the holidays.

4. (also is / is also)

My birthday is in April. My sister's birthday  
\_\_\_\_\_ in April.

C. Listen. Then complete the answers.

Thursday	celebrate	watch	music	noisy	sing	fireworks	meal
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**7**  1.27 **Listen and complete the text.**

Today is Thanksgiving Day. Americans <sup>1</sup> ..... this special day on the fourth <sup>2</sup> ..... of November every year. It's a very exciting day. There's a huge parade in the streets in New York City. More than three million people go out in the streets and watch the parade. More than fifty million Americans <sup>3</sup> ..... it on TV. Bands play <sup>4</sup> ..... and people dance and <sup>5</sup> ..... It's great fun, but it's very <sup>6</sup> .....!

I always watch the parade on TV with my family and then we have a special <sup>7</sup> .....  
We also have <sup>8</sup> .....  
in our garden.