

Venice and Rio Carnivals

Listen and read the text and answer the questions below:



Venice has a famous carnival the same as Rio, both are among the most famous in the world; on the one hand in both places it is a very important holiday that attracts many tourists and where multiple activities take place around the city to celebrate this time of the year; on the other, the activities and events can be very different. While in Venice the major attractions are colorful, exotic and fancy costumes and masks, in Rio singing, dancing and playing the drums to the sound of Samba are the most distinctive features. In Venice St Mark's Square and the city canals are the protagonists, candlelit parades of boats with musicians and dancers sail through the city and St Mark's square is the place where most of the events like plays and performances take place. However, in Rio the streets and the Sambadrome are the most important attractions, trucks with stages on top for musicians, singers and dancers to perform drive around the city and parades are held at the Sambadrome. There schools of dance compete to win in different categories by costumes, team, band music and others. Whether you are in Rio or in Venice you surely feel transport to a world of fantasy, color and joy.

Find the following words in the text and then classify them in the chart:

both / however / the same as / while

Talking about similarities

Talking about differences

In your country...

1. Are there carnivals?
2. If yes... When are they held?
3. Where do they take place?
4. What features do they share with Venice and Rio Carnivals?