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Carnival

Carnival normally takes place in mid-July. The celebrations begin long before the day. Many weeks before hand, calypsonians prepare for the final competition to select the Calypso King/Queen for the year. There is also a competition to choose a Carnival Queen and there is also a King and Queen of the bands competition. These competitions normally take place on the final weekend before carnival Monday. The carnival bands spend months preparing their costumes.

Carnival Monday

People begin to celebrate before the sun rises on the Monday morning. This part of the celebrations is called J'ouvert. On Monday afternoon the carnival bands parade before judges at a special venue. People spend lots of time and money preparing their costumes. Most of them are very beautiful and imaginative.

Carnival Tuesday

On Tuesday, large crowds line the streets watching as the carnival bands, musical bands, the queen and other contestants parade through the streets. After the prizes are announced, people join the bands in what is often called a carnival "jump up". They dance until night.

Read the passage above then complete the exercise below.

1. Carnival is celebrated in the month of _____.
2. The celebration which takes place just before sun rise on Monday morning is called _____.
3. There are many _____ which take place before carnival Monday.
4. The carnival bands parade dressed in colourful _____.