

1 Vocabulary

Listen and repeat.



fireworks



barbecue



parade



picnic

2 Read

A. Look at the pictures and the headings. Do you know anything about these celebrations? Listen, read and find out.

Notting Hill Carnival

Notting Hill Carnival takes place every year during the August Bank Holiday in the streets of London, UK. It has a Caribbean style and about two million people visit Notting Hill for this colourful street festival.

On Saturday, different bands play steel drums in the National Champions of Steel competition. In this picture a man is playing steel drums.



Sunday is Children's Day and there is a short parade for children in costumes. The main parade is on Monday, and the route is about 5 kilometres long. People in Caribbean-style costumes dance to loud music and enjoy Caribbean food. In this picture a man is wearing a carnival costume and is having a good time!

celebration =
an enjoyable
activity people
do on a special
day

THE 4TH OF JULY INDEPENDENCE DAY

In the USA, the 4th of July is Independence Day. There are a lot of **celebrations**, like parades, carnivals, concerts, baseball games, and lots of people go to these events.

Families get together and have barbecues at home or picnics in the parks. They decorate everything and wear clothes in red, white and blue, the colours of the national flag of the US.

At night, people usually watch the amazing fireworks in parks or in town squares. In this picture people are watching the fireworks.

B. Read again and write N for Notting Hill Carnival or I for Independence Day.

1. There is a different parade for children.
2. People wear colourful costumes.
3. People celebrate only for a day.
4. People have lunch in parks.
5. There's a competition.

3 Grammar

Present Simple vs Present Progressive

TENSE	USE	EXAMPLE
Present Simple	everyday activities or routines	I usually play computer games after school.
Present Progressive	actions happening now	I'm playing a new computer game now .

Circle the correct words.

1. We usually **have** / **are having** lunch at home but we **have** / **are having** a picnic in the park now.
2. **A:** What **do you do** / **are you doing** now?
B: I **decorate** / **am decorating** the house for tonight's party.
3. **A:** Where are the children?
B: They **watch** / **are watching** the parade on TV at the moment.
4. On Mother's Day, my brother and I always **cook** / **are cooking** for our mother.

4 Vocabulary

Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

loud together square festival flag

1. I don't like this café. The music is very _____ in here.
2. What's the colour of the Spanish _____ ?
3. The parade begins at the town _____ .
4. Let's get _____ on Saturday evening and watch a DVD.
5. The dance _____ is in May.

5 Write

Write about a festival/celebration in your country. Answer these questions:

- What is the festival/celebration called?
- When does it take place?
- Where does it take place?
- What do people usually do?