

READING 2

PREPARING TO READ

1 You are going to read about the Muscat Festival in Oman. Before you read, circle the best definition for the words or phrases in bold.

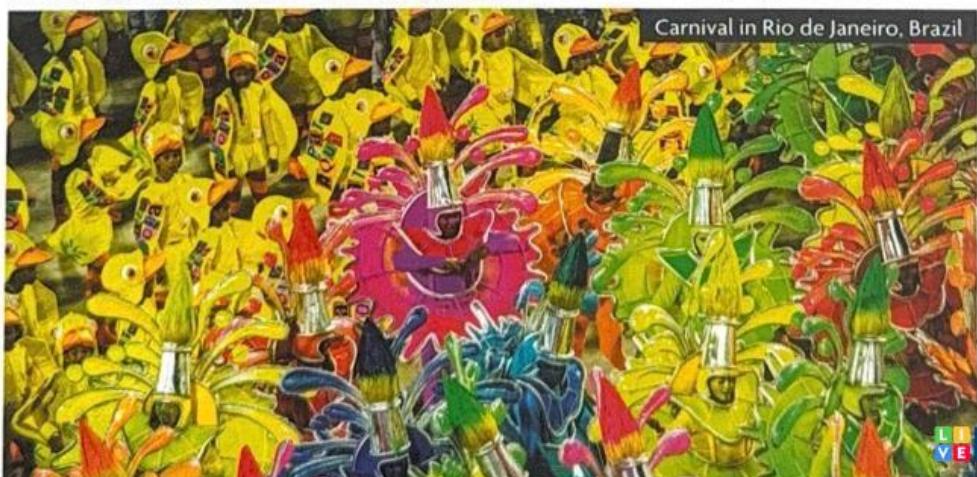
- 1 The children enjoyed a lot of **activities** at the birthday party.
They had their faces painted, played games, and pet different animals.
 - a things people do for fun
 - b things people say
- 2 The end of the Civil War is an important day in U.S. **history**.
 - a events that are happening now
 - b the whole series of events in the past that relate to the development of a country, subject, or person
- 3 Carnival in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, is a very **popular** event. Millions of people watch the parades for several days.
 - a liked by many people
 - b disliked by many people
- 4 The **highlight** of every holiday is getting together with loved ones.
 - a location
 - b most enjoyable part
- 5 Nearly everyone in town **takes part in** the race. There is a shorter race for children and a longer one for adults.
 - a does an activity with other people
 - b eats special types of food
- 6 Thousands of **visitors** went to the museum on the first day it opened.
 - a people who organize a party and invite guests
 - b people who go to see a person or a place

SKILLS

Proper nouns are names of people, countries, cities, festivals, and nationalities.

Days of the week and months are also proper nouns.

2 Read paragraph 1 in the text on page 44 and circle the proper nouns.



Carnival in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

UNDERSTANDING KEY VOCABULARY

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SCANNING TO PREDICT CONTENT

LIVE WORKSHEETS

WHILE READING

3 Read the text. Write the paragraph number next to the ideas. Underline the information in the text that helped you find the answer.

- a the countries people visit from
- b how long the Muscat Festival lasts
- c different events in the festival
- d international culture
- e the Tour of Oman

Paragraph _____

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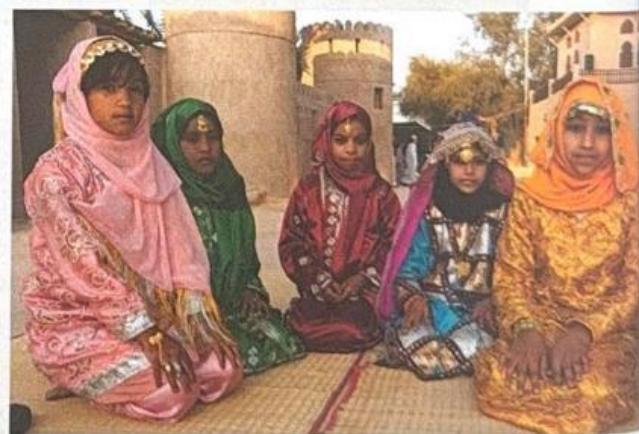
1 One of the most important festivals in Oman is the Muscat Festival. The festival lasts for about one month and takes place in February every year. During the festival, many **activities** are available for people to **take part in**.

2 Large numbers of people, including local Omanis and **visitors** to Oman, go to the different events. The events are a celebration of both Omani and international **history** and traditions. The events take place in different places across the country. Many businesses show their products for people to look at and buy.

3 The Muscat Festival also includes the very **popular** six-day Tour of Oman bike race. Professional cyclists from around the world take part in the race. The race is 620 miles (1,000 kilometers) long, and it takes the cyclists up the beautiful Jabal Al Akhdhar—the Green Mountain.

4 Other **highlights** of the Muscat Festival include the chance to try out different types of food at the Oman Food Festival. The Muscat Art Festival also offers Arabic music, concerts and plays, and other entertainment for the whole family. The Festival of Lights is one of the most popular events at the Muscat Festival.

5 The Muscat Festival is an international event, with people visiting from countries as far away as Brazil and Cuba. Visitors also arrive from Italy, India, Russia, South Korea, Spain, Tunisia, and Turkey, as well as many other countries. They enjoy the amazing clothes, food, and music. Some people just enjoy the mix of different cultures.



4 Read the text again. Complete the sentences with information from the text.

- 1 The Muscat Festival happens in the month of _____.
- 2 People from all over the world _____ the festival.
- 3 The English name for the Jabal Al Akhdhar is the _____.
- 4 You can see plays at the _____.
- 5 The Festival of Lights is a very _____ event.
- 6 Visitors enjoy clothes, _____, and _____.

READING BETWEEN THE LINES

5 Where would you find this text?

- a in a textbook on the culture of Oman
- b in a textbook on the economy of Oman

6 What other topics would you expect to find in the book?

Add two more topics to the list.

- 1 food
- 2 theater
- 3 _____
- 4 _____

DISCUSSION

7 Work with a partner. Discuss the questions.

- 1 Would you like to visit Oman?
- 2 What information about festivals in your country would you give a visitor? Answer the questions.
 - a What is the festival?
 - b When is it?
 - c Where is it?
 - d What happens?
- 3 Use information from Reading 1 and Reading 2 to compare the celebrations you read about with other celebrations you know. How are they the same? How are they different?
- 4 In what ways do festivals teach you about culture?

READING FOR DETAILS

RECOGNIZING TEXT TYPE

SYNTHEZISING