

USE OF ENGLISH- PART 2

SHAM EL NESSIM

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A large number of contemporary Egyptian traditions _____ said to have their origins in very ancient times. These include the holiday which is known _____ Sham el Nessim. This holiday may have _____ celebrated as early as 4,500 years ago. It is thought _____ have been the first festival to celebrate the beginning of the spring.

Nowadays , in the early morning of Sham el Nessim millions of Egyptians come out to crowd public parks and other open areas. Young men swim in the Nile and families generally enjoy the cool breeze of spring.

Sham el Nessim _____ also celebrated by eating traditional foods and these include salted fish , coloured eggs, sunflower seeds and raw onions. The reason for each of these foods _____ eaten is supported _____ a different myth. For example, offerings of fish are believed to _____ been made to the ancient gods and by _____ this a good harvest was ensured. Salted fish symbolized welfare to the ancient Egyptians and in ancient times fish _____ easily caught by being trapped in natural pools created by the movement of the Nile.

REWRITE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES BEGINNING WITH THE WORDS GIVEN.

- 1- Offerings of fish are believed to have been made to the ancient gods.
It is believed _____
- 2- A large number of contemporary Egyptian traditions are said to have their origins in very ancient times.
It is said that _____
- 3- It is reported that five thousand people joined in the festivities.
Five thousand people are reported _____
- 4- It is said that our festival has the best fireworks in the world.
Our festival is said _____

COMPLETE THE SENCOND SENTENCE USING BETWEEN 2 AN 5 WORDS.

- 1- People believe that the festival originated in the 18th century. **HAVE**
The festival _____ in the 18th century.
- 2- People expect that she will be chosen as carnival queen. **BE**
She is _____ as carnival queen.

- 3- The festival is said to be more popular than ever. **THAT**
It is _____ more popular than ever.
- 4- They think Channel 4 is the only channel which will broadcast the opening ceremony. **THOUGHT**
Channel 4 _____ the only channel which will broadcast the ceremony.
- 5- People think that Carnival is the best festival of the year. **CONSIDERED**
Carnival _____ the best festival of the year.

MY LOCAL FESTIVAL WORD FORMATION- PART 3

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The _____ **PREPARE** for the festival in my town are extremely _____ **EXCITE** time. Months before, the organizers on the committee start making all the necessary _____ **ARRANGE** and finalizing the details of the processions and other _____ **ACT** that are going to take place. They also keep the main _____ **PARTICIPATE** up to date with what is going on.

When the day finally arrives, it becomes _____ **POSSIBLE** to drive in the city since the streets are really crowded with local people, _____ **VISIT** from other nearby towns and even some tourists. The whole town appears _____ **ORGANISE** and chaotic. People dress up in _____ **TRADITION** costumes, young people stay out all night with their friends and it is quite normal to see people who are _____ **USUAL** quiet and respectable dancing in the streets. For me, however, the firework displays are the most _____ **IMPRESS** part.