

Listening

- 1 Before you listen, look at the photos. What do you think the listening will be about?
- 2 Listen to Hassan, a TV reporter, interviewing Mohammed Al Hassani, one of the festival organisers, and Faisal, who is attending Al Janadriyah Festival. What do they talk about? Do they agree with each other?
- 3 Listen again to part of the interview between Hassan and Mohammed. Fill in the missing words.

Hassan: Mohammed, could you tell our viewers about Al Janadriyah Festival?

Mohammed: Certainly, Hassan. Well, the festival started in 1985 and takes place every year around February or March for two weeks. It was started as a way for _____¹ to come together to celebrate our **traditions** and **preserve** them in this rapidly changing world. It's very important we do this, because I'm sure _____² wants to see them disappear.

Hassan: Would you mind telling us about the **cultural traditions** _____³ might see on display here?

Mohammed: Not at all. Al Janadriyah is a major **cultural** event here in Saudi Arabia, and _____⁴ can come. We open the festival with a camel race each year, and _____⁵ can also see horse races and displays of falconry. These animals are significant to our **cultural** history and identity, so it's important to us that we celebrate them.

Hassan: Mmm, mmm, and what about the **handicrafts** _____⁶ might see here at the festival?

Mohammed: Well, we have many **handicraft artisans** who come to the festival. We like to think that the festival is a kind of 'cultural village' where _____⁷ can come and see these traditional crafts being made.

Hassan: That's fantastic, Mohammed, thank you.

