Unit 2 Festivals



THE EDINBURGH FESTIVAL Fringe

A The Edinburgh Festival Fringe is the largest arts **festival** in the world. It takes place every August for three weeks in Edinburgh, Scotland's capital city.

B Every year thousands of **shows** take place and there is something for everyone. There are very **famous** performers in the world of entertainment and unknown artists just starting their careers. Shows include theatre, comedy, dance, music, exhibitions and events.

C The festival started in 1947, when eight uninvited theatre groups arrived to **perform** at the Edinburgh International Festival. Not being part of the official programme of the International festival didn't stop these performers – they just did their shows anyway. Every year more and more performers came and in 1959 the Festival Fringe Society started.

D The Society became formal and printed its own **programme** and sold tickets. The society lets anyone perform and doesn't check events before they start. Today it is the same – anyone with a story to tell and a place to perform can come.

READING

1 Read the text quickly. What is the text about?

a Scottish music
b Holidays in Scotland
c A festival in Scotland

2 Read the text again and complete the sentences.

1 The Edinburgh Fringe Festival lasts for _____.
2 The shows include comedy, _____.
3 The first festival was in _____.
4 The society lets anyone _____.

3 Complete the sentences using words in bold from the text.

1 The _____ starts at 8pm every night.
2 The _____ includes music, dance and theatre.
3 There are many music _____ in England in the summer.
4 It's difficult to buy tickets for a show when the person is _____. Everyone wants to see them.
5 He _____ two shows every day for three weeks. He's very tired at the end.

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