

1. Read again and match the headings with the paragraphs. There is one extra heading

#### Glastonbury Festival

- 1. Serving a Deeper Purpose
- 2. Spoiled for Choice
- 3. Attracting Big Names
- 4. Making People Famous
- 5. Introducing Glasto!

A	B	C	D

**A.** If you follow the signs for Worthy Dairy Farm in Pitton, Somerset, you'll find the place where a music festival was first held in 1970, over 40 years ago! Now Glastonbury Festival is one of the largest, most popular greenfield music and performing arts festivals in the world, raising thousands of pounds for charity and attracting 150,000 or more people to see over 700 live performances every year! The organisers of Glastonbury have always considered it to be a special, mystical place; it takes place on a weekend in June around the time of the summer solstice, in the Vale of Avalon, a part of southwest England famous for its legends, mythology, and spiritual traditions.

**B.** The organisers compare a visit to Glastonbury to a visit to a new country! First things first: you pitch your tent in a huge (usually very muddy) field, or you rent a teepee. Then it's time to explore the huge 900-acre site with nearly 20 different unique areas, each with their special attractions and loyal fans. Wander over to the Green Fields and you can get a massage and enjoy vegetarian food for free. Then there's Arcadia and its amazing fire shows, the Campo Pequeno, a huge Amphitheatre with Mexican wrestling and Glasto's very own "La Tomatina", which is ... a huge tomato fight! Everywhere, there are food stands, performers, dance areas, and music performances. If in doubt, the organisers say, just wander around because Glastonbury is full of surprises.

**C.** The most familiar view at Glasto is the huge, steel Pyramid Stage where top musicians including U2, Shakira, Kylie Minogue, and The Arctic Monkeys have played. The festival organisers modelled it after the Great Pyramid of Giza in Egypt, choosing a pyramid shape to attract the energy of the sun and stars<sup>1</sup>.

**D.** Glastonbury Festival isn't just famous for music and mud! It's also about promoting green issues, humanitarianism, and freedom of expression, principles which the festival organisers have never left behind. Glastonbury supports many charities including WaterAid, Oxfam, and Greenpeace. Festival-goers are also encouraged to recycle and leave the site as tidy as possible, respecting the land and helping it to recover... until the next Glastonbury weekend!

**Fill in:**

legends      loyal      solstice      traditions      stands      performances      mystical

**Have the time of your life!**

Every year thousands of 1\_\_\_\_\_ fans come to the Glastonbury Festival to see live 2\_\_\_\_\_ of their favourite bands.

The festival is usually on the first weekend after the summer 3\_\_\_\_\_ occurs in a 4\_\_\_\_\_. Place in the Vale of Avalon, an area that has a number of 5\_\_\_\_\_ and spiritual 6\_\_\_\_\_. But music is not the only attraction at the festival; there is also a great selection of food 7\_\_\_\_\_ to visit! It's sure to be a great weekend so don't miss it!

