Grade 11 **Unit 6** **Lesson1-2** **Reading worksheet**



Balloon Festival comes to Dorset

Things are gearing up for this Bank Holiday weekend's first ever Great Dorset Balloon Festival, running from Friday morning to Sunday night at Baybridge recreational ground.

Matt Edwards of Dorchester, a pilot with over 30 years' experience, is this year's event director, overseeing the hot air ballooning taking place at the festival.

"I'm so excited and pleased that this event is finally coming to Dorset. It's been years in the making, with lots of careful planning between county officials, business owners, safety inspectors and the local community in general; I can hardly believe it's finally happening! I'm really looking forward to seeing all the balloons finally in the air on Friday morning."

However, despite Mr Edwards' excitement and anticipation for the event to take place, safety is never far from his mind.

"Safety is a huge consideration for an event of this size. We will have over one hundred balloons flying at the same time and we need to ensure that everyone above ground and on the ground is completely safe.

We will be keeping a sharp eye on the weather forecasts for this weekend to ensure the utmost in safety for our ballooning enthusiasts."

Local MP, Jennifer Fields, who has also played a leading role in bringing the festival to Dorset said,

"This festival is a really exciting event for the Baybridge community and it is an integral part of our efforts to become a better place for families to live. Furthermore, it also offers the opportunity for financial growth in Baybridge, as it will attract visitors and revenue for our local businesses."

The festival kicks off on Friday morning with its first dawn flights taking place. Each day of the festival will see the sky filled with over 100 balloons flying at the same time, in all different shapes, sizes and colours. During the day, families will be able to see the balloons up close, with some balloon operators offering tethered flights. And at sunset, the balloons will take to the sky again, glowing in the falling dusk, to make a spectacular display not to be missed.

Other than that, there will be plenty for visitors to see and do with lots of food stalls offering a variety of delicious food, and pop-up stores selling clothing, jewellery and local handicrafts.

Make sure to bring a jacket with you and dress in layers. Although the weather looks like it will be warm, British summer evenings can get chilly, and if you plan to take a flight, it will be a lot cooler at roughly double the altitude. Also, it's a good idea to bring water, sun cream and waterproof clothing.

Entrance is £10 per vehicle, per entry.

WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST	
FRIDAY	
	Cloudy, outbreaks of rain in the afternoon and sunny spells Wind NE 4–8 mph Max 23°C (73°F) Min 10°C (50°F)
SATURDAY	
	Dry, warm and sunny Wind E 3–6 mph Max 23°C (73°F) Min 11°C (52°F)
SUNDAY	
	Overcast, mainly dry and breezy Wind E 9–12 mph Max 26°C (79°F) Min 12°C (54°F)

3 Read the article again. Are the statements below True (T), False (F) or is there no information (NI)?

a The festival will take place over three days. _____

b Jennifer Fields is not concerned with safety at the event. _____

c All of the balloon operators are offering tethered flights during the day. _____

d The balloons are scheduled to fly every morning and evening during the festival. _____

e It's much cooler in the air than on the ground. _____

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