

Read the following passage, and then tick the correct answers: true (T), false (F) or not mentioned (NM) (1,5pts)

Las Fallas Festival in Valencia, Spain is a week-long festival with music, and a lot of fireworks. *Fallas* are big sculptures made of wood and paper. People burn them at the end of the festival. The festival takes place on 15-19 March every year.

David and Marta, two teenagers from Valencia, are talking about the preparations for the festival of *Las Fallas*.

David: The tradition of *Las Fallas* started when carpenters burned their old wood at the end of winter to celebrate spring. Now, big groups of neighbours usually make a *falla* together. They can take about a year to make! My brother is an artist and he designed our *falla*. He's worried because he hasn't finished and it has to be ready next week!

Marta: I live in a village near Valencia but I come and stay with my grandmother for *Las Fallas*. There's music, dancing and lines of people walking in the streets. It's very noisy festival and it goes on all day and all night for a week. A lot of people wear beautiful, traditional costumes and they make foods in the streets. It's always great fun. This year is going to be the best. I'm really excited!

1. The *Las Fallas* festival is at the beginning of March.
2. The festival takes place outside in the street.
3. People spend a lot of money on fireworks, *fallas*, customers.
4. The festival often brings a lot of fun.
5. The festival lasts for 5 days.
6. One problem with the festival is the noise from the fireworks.
7. People make the *falla* with their friends.
8. A lot of tourists go to the festival.

Read the film review, and decide whether the statements are true (T), or false (F),

Have you ever read *Alice In Wonderland*, by Lewis Carol? I did and I really like it. It's an adventure story full of magic and danger. Yesterday I saw Tim Burton's version of the film at the cinema.

This story is about Alice, who is now a teenager. A man wants to marry her, but she runs away and falls down a rabbit hole. She travels to Wonderland, which she has visited before as a child, and meets a lot of amazing characters on her adventures.

There are a lot of good special effects in the film. The Red Queen, played by Helena Bonham Carter, is very scary, and Johnny Depp is brilliant as the Mad Hatter. He has acted in a lot of films before but this is my favourite one. Mia Wasilkowska is good as Alice; this is her first big film and I think she's going to become a big star!

Overall, I think this is a good film for teenagers, but it's a bit long. You should see it if you like fantasy and adventure, but don't go if you like romances: it's not a love story.

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1. *Wonderland* was directed by Lewis Carol.
2. The film is both an adventure story and a love story.
3. Alice is still in her childhood.
4. Alice has never been to Wonderland before.
5. She meets a lot of amazing people in Wonderland.
6. The special effects in the films are good.
7. The Red Queen is very friendly.
8. The Mad Hatter is played by Johnny Depp