

Exercise 5

Choose the correct words to complete the text.

The best festival I've ever appeared/ attended/ attracted is the International Festival of Masks and the Arts (FESTIMA), in the city of Dédougou, Burkina Faso. As the name suggests, the main example /idea / knowledge behind the festival is masks, and specifically, the wearing of traditional masks.

Masks have been an important part of catastrophes / celebrities/ ceremonies and celebrations in West Africa for thousands of years. According to local tradition and custom/fashion/native , when the performer puts on the mask, he becomes the animal or bird that he is wearing.

One of the main purposes of FESTIMA is to prevent/ protect/ provide this tradition and to tell the world about it. The festival dates back to 1996, when a group of students decided they needed to preserve this important part of their conservation/ construction/ culture . The festival takes place every two years and during /ends/lasts a full week. It is now a big architecture/ attachment/ attraction with performers from all over West Africa, as well as over 100,000 spectators from around the world.