

Every year, over 60,000 people from all over the world attend the Burning Man festival in the Black Rock Desert in the US. The eight-day event starts on the last Monday in August and ends on the first Monday in September, which is Labor Day in the US.

Every year, Burning Man has a different theme. Some past themes are Time, Good and Bad, The Body, and Hope and Fear. People make art, play music, and wear clothes related to the theme. There are also many activities for people to do—all related to the theme.

The Burning Man festival is very large—about one-and-a-half miles (almost 2.5 km). Many people use a bike to go from place to place. Also, festival-goers cannot buy anything at Burning Man, except some drinks (like water, coffee, and tea) and ice. For this reason, people bring their own food and drinks. They also share things with others.

On the last day, a large statue of a man is burned. It marks the end of summer and the Burning Man festival.



**Scan for information.** Look quickly at the article. Find answers to the questions. Then ask and answer the questions with a partner.

1. How many people attend Burning Man? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Where does it take place?  
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3. When is it? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How long is it? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What type of festival is it?  
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6. What happens at the end?  
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**Read for details.** Read the passage closely. Check (✓) the things you can do at Burning Man. Put an X next to the things you cannot do.

- play music related to the theme
- share things
- ride a bicycle
- sell clothes
- buy food
- see interesting art