

1. Read the text and choose the correct option (True or False).

It is a hot afternoon and Jake is sitting on a bench in Notting Hill. Suddenly, he sees some people in costumes. They have balloons and drums in their hands.

- 'Does the carnival start here?' Jake asks Mel, a girl in a green dress.

- 'Yes, near here. Look at the floats!' she says. 'Listen to the music! The procession **is starting**.'

Suddenly, a tall girl runs to the first float. Her costume is yellow and red and she has feathers in her hair. The young men on the float shout to her.

- 'Quickly, Maria! You're late!'

- 'Sorry - a little problem with my job,' she says. 'But it's OK now.'

The band moves slowly down the street.

Jake looks at the beautiful tall girl in her carnival costume. Their eyes meet and she smiles at him. Suddenly, he knows. It's love!

Jake's new friends **are standing** and **waiting** for him. But he walks away from them. He can only see Maria. Mel talks to Jake but he doesn't hear her. She looks at Maria and she understands.

The carnival procession moves down the street. On the floats people **are dancing** to the music. Some people in the street **are dancing** too. There is a lot of music, noise and colour.

Jake **is running** but there are crowds of people near him. He can't stay with Maria's float. How can he meet this beautiful girl? Who is she?

Maria looks down and sees Jake again. He has a friendly face and she likes him too.

'I'm Jake. What's your name?' he shouts.

'Hi, Jake! I'm Maria,' she answers.

'Can I telephone you? What's your number?'

She gives a big smile. But Jake can't hear her! The band **is playing** and people **are shouting**.

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| a) People are wearing carnival costumes. They have balloons in their hands. | True | False |
| b) Maria's costume is green and she has feathers in her hair. | True | False |
| c) The band moves quickly down the street. | True | False |
| d) Mel is Jack's friend. | True | False |
| e) Maria is on the first float. | True | False |
| f) On the floats people are dancing to the music. | True | False |
| g) Jake is in love with Maria. | True | False |
| h) Maria gives Jack her telephone number. | True | False |