

Grade 8: Reading (National Festivals)

Read and answer the questions.

The Janadriyah National Festival

The Janadriyah National Festival started in 1985. It is in Saudi Arabia. It is a cultural festival. This means it celebrates the traditions of Saudi Arabia. The festival lasts two weeks. It usually starts in February or March.

The festival starts with a huge camel race. There are also horse races, falconry and traditional poetry readings. A large book fair is part of the festival. There is also an enormous market at the festival. You can buy traditional crafts and jewellery at the market.

Activity 1: What is the main purpose of the text?

Activity 2: Answer T or F:

- 1 The first festival was in 1895.
- 2 It celebrates the traditions of Saudi Arabia.
- 3 It always starts in February.
- 4 The festival starts with a camel race.
- 5 At the festival, the market is small.
- 6 The market sells crafts and jewellery.

Activity 3: Find 3 synonyms for the word “big” in the text.