

Choose the correct word for each blank.

A flash mob is a group of people who (1) _____ gather in a (2) _____ place in order to do something together for short period of time. They often organize a flash mob for entertainment, artistic (3) _____, political assemblies, protests or to advertise something. In many cases flash mobs (4) _____ many onlookers.

The first flash mobs were held in New York in 2003 when 200 people got together at Macy's department store and asked the shop assistants for help in finding a rug for their commune. The (5) _____ lasted only 10 minutes and then the mobbers were gone. Bill Wasik, (6) _____ of a news magazine, said he wanted to show that large groups of people could take over public areas within short (7) _____.

As time went on more and more such events were organised. Most of them made no (8) _____. People gathered in Central Park to make bird noises. A silent dance party occurred in London's Victoria Train station. Soon the mobs became more (9) _____ and a larger number of people took part.

When the first mobs were started instructions were (10) _____ via email. As time went on social media platforms told people where and when to meet. Today, there are companies that specialize (11) _____ flash mobs. Such affairs can turn into negative and even criminal events. There have been reports from America of groups (12) _____ robberies through flash mobs. Using Twitter and other social media, (13) _____ of people flood into a store, plunder special areas and escape with most of its content.

(14) _____ in several countries have been trying to stop flash mobs. In Germany, for example, it is forbidden to get together in any public space without a (15) _____. In the UK the police have stopped such flash mobs for (16) _____ reasons.

In the last few years flash mobs have been organized for (17) _____ protests. In 2010 an Egyptian flash mob was organized through Facebook to protest the killing of a young man in Alexandria. Hundreds of people lined up and (18) _____ the ocean in silence before marching a way. A year later spontaneous protests led to the (19) _____ of President Hosni Mubarak in Egypt.

(20) _____ they are not as popular as they had once been flash mobs are still (21) _____ in many cities around the world.



Flashmob in Seoul, South Korea

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1	definitely	suddenly	lastly	finally
2	free	joint	shared	public
3	expression	express	expressive	expressing
4	appeal	invite	attract	pull
5	outcome	aftermath	event	result
6	producer	editor	corrector	creator
7	signing	communication	announcement	notice
8	sense	meaning	knowledge	value
9	aspired	ambitious	desired	desperate
10	extended	expanded	blown	spread
11	for organizing	to organize	organizing	in organizing
12	producing	doing	staging	acting
13	crowds	troops	hosts	crams
14	departments	authorities	councils	rulers
15	permitted	permitting	permission	permit
16	welfare	secure	protection	safety
17	political	policy	politics	politician
18	confronted	faced	turned	moved
19	resignation	notification	announcement	acceptance
20	despite	in case	nevertheless	although
21	exclusive	stylish	popular	accepted