Name: _____ **QUIZ** Points: _____

UNIT 7

READING AND WRITING

A Read the article.

CELEBRATE MARDI GRAS IN NEW ORLEANS!

Mardi Gras, which means *Fat Tuesday*, takes place on a Tuesday in February or March. When Mardi Gras begins, people gather in the streets to watch over 70 parades of beautiful and interesting floats and musical performances. Come join us in New Orleans for a festival you'll never forget!

Tips for visitors:

Plan ahead. Many hotels start taking reservations for Mardi Gras in August. To get the room you want, call early. Don't wait until January!

Plan your transportation. Many streets are closed to cars, and bus and streetcar schedules often change.

Get there early. Plan to arrive about four hours before any big parade. For the popular Sunday night parade, find a space in the morning. Plan your clothing carefully. You might need a jacket, sunglasses, an umbrella, or all three.

Participate and celebrate. Catch Mardi Gras "throws," or the things that people throw from the floats. Jump up to catch beads, coins, cups, and toy animals. Bring a bag to hold all of the treasures you collect.

For more information, contact the New Orleans Visitors' Bureau.

B Circle **T** for *true* or **F** for *false*. Then write the information from the article that helped you find the answer.

1. The weather is always good in New Orleans at this time of the year. T F

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2. Some of the parades are very crowded. T F

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3. You should make your hotel reservations for Mardi Gras in February. T F

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4. You can get free beads and toys. T F

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5. The parades all happen on the same day. T F

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6. Transportation to the parades is sometimes a problem. T F

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LIVEWORKSHEETS

C Complete the paragraph with vocabulary from Lesson B. There may be more than one possible answer.

The Edinburgh Fringe is the biggest arts festival in the world. People travel to the Scottish capital from all over the world to see drama, comedy, or music (1.) _____. A lot of actors, comedians, and musicians from different countries (2.) _____ at the festival. Comedians have a chance of winning the famous Edinburgh Comedy Awards (3.) _____. There are three different (4.) _____; the biggest, for best comedy show, is £10,000. (5.) _____ work very hard, often doing three or four shows every day for 25 days!

D Read the information and fill in the spaces with *before* or *after*.

Carnival is a very colorful and interesting festival in Venice, but it gets very crowded. (1.) _____ you arrive, you should reserve a hotel room. Then, (2.) _____ you arrive, get the most up-to-date schedule for the festival. Sometimes it changes. The most important events are the masquerade balls, or costume parties. Do your research, and buy tickets to the events several months (3.) _____ Carnival begins. (4.) _____ you get tickets, you have to find a costume and mask. People sometimes bring their costumes with them, but others wait until (5.) _____ they arrive to buy one. During Carnival, many people continue to dance in the streets (6.) _____ the parties end.

E Think about a festival in your city or country. Write advice for visitors.

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