

Corinna Held talks about attending a music festival

I've always been mad about music, whether it's something I'm listening to on my headphones, dancing to at a club or enjoying at a concert. But my greatest love has always been going to music festivals. They are a great place to listen to your favourite musicians and to enjoy yourself with friends, and they are also an opportunity to meet new people. But the experience can be spoilt if you don't take care, so here are some things I've learnt along the way.

Let's start with what you should take. You can't be sure of the weather so I'd suggest preparing for anything. Take sun cream. If it's sunny you'll be out in the open all day. And don't forget something to keep you dry in a thunderstorm, even if it's only a large plastic rubbish bag. Your mobile phone and charger are essentials, of course, but apart from these don't take anything you wouldn't want to lose. Take comfortable shoes as you'll be on your feet all day, and if you're camping bring a tent that's easy to put up and weatherproof.

Once you're there, take a tour of the area so you know exactly where everything is. If you're with friends, agree on meeting points. Your tent is likely to be a long way from the action so you need places to find each other closer to the stages. This will help if you and your friends decide to see different bands, which is likely as your taste in music is probably not exactly the same. Be polite to people camping near you as they could become good friends. Drink lots of water and check the programme carefully so you don't miss your favourite acts.

And when it's all over? Here's my number one request: before you go home, please pick up all your litter in and around your tent. I can't believe the mess people create at festivals. Some people even leave their tent behind. And as you leave, enjoy the feeling

that you've just felt, with a wonderful connection to all those around you. You've just had an amazing opportunity to see lots of different bands and make friends and generally had an experience you'll never forget.

- 1 Corinna says that
 - A music festivals are the best way to listen to music.
 - B listening to music is her biggest love.
 - C music festivals can be a great social event.
 - D careless behaviour spoils music festivals for other people.
- 2 What does Corinna advise people to do?
 - A Be careful not to lose anything.
 - B Be prepared for any weather.
 - C Keep all your things in a plastic bag.
 - D Leave your mobile phone at home.
- 3 Corinna says you should agree on a meeting point
 - A so you can find your way back to your tent.
 - B in order to discuss which bands are on.
 - C so you can talk about your taste in music.
 - D because this is more convenient than going to your tent.
- 4 What does Corinna say about litter?
 - A People should request more litter bins.
 - B You should clear the area where you've been camping.
 - C People often leave litter in their tent.
 - D Take it home with you.
- 5 What would be a good introduction to this article?
 - A Going to a music festival? Corinna Held recommends some simple steps to make the experience a happy one.
 - B Music festivals can be a wonderful way to spend the weekend. Corinna Held tells us about her favourite events.
 - C With more and more of us attending music festivals, Corinna Held explains what it is about them people find so enjoyable.
 - D We all love listening to music. But do we get the best experience using our headphones? Corinna Held tells us why we should be going to music festivals.