

Festival - Listening handout 1

1. Listen to two students, Etsuko and Ahmed, talking about the Quebec Winter Carnival. Circle the correct answers.

- 1 The carnival starts on ...
a Saturday. b Sunday. c Thursday.
- 2 Etsuko really wants to see ...
a the canoe race. b the ice palace.
c the snow bath.
- 3 Ahmed likes ...
a watching sport. b cold weather.
c playing sport.
- 4 He doesn't have ...
a a hat. b gloves. c a scarf.



2. Listen again and choose T (True) or F (False).

- 1 Ahmed likes winter. T / F
- 2 Etsuko doesn't like the weather in Canada. T / F
- 3 Ahmed doesn't want to see the ice palace. T / F
- 4 Ahmed doesn't want to watch the canoe race. T / F
- 5 Etsuko wants to have a bath in the snow. T / F

3. Listen again and complete the dialogue.

Etsuko: Hi Ahmed! How are you?

Ahmed: OK, but I'm 1 _____. It's minus 10 degrees today!

Etsuko: Yes, I know it's very cold, Ahmed. But, it IS January and Canada is the 2 _____ 3 _____ in the world!

Ahmed: I really don't like winter. It's 4 _____.

Etsuko: No, it isn't! It's fantastic! I love it. The winter carnival starts this weekend - on Saturday! Do you want to 5 _____ with me?

Ahmed: I'm not sure. What 6 _____ at the carnival?

Etsuko: Well, there are amazing snow 7 _____ all over the city and there is even an ice palace! It's very beautiful, 8 _____ at night when the lights shine through the walls of ice. I 9 _____ want to see it!

Ahmed: Well I don't! What's interesting about an ice palace? It's 10 _____.

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Etsuko: OK but you like sport - there's a 11 _____ 12 _____ across the St Lawrence River. It's one of the main attractions - it's very exciting!

Ahmed: I like 13 _____ sport - I don't like watching it. And I 14 _____ watching sport in the cold!

Etsuko: So you don't want to see the snow bathers then ...

Ahmed: Snow bathers? Do you mean people 15 _____ have a bath in the snow!

Etsuko: Yes, can you 16 _____ ? Isn't that awful?

Ahmed: I feel freezing cold just thinking about it.

Etsuko: OK, Ahmed, do you want to come to the winter 17 _____ or not? All you need are warm 18 _____ !

Ahmed: I've got a coat and a scarf but I don't have a hat

Etsuko: I've got a red one you can have. Come on, Ahmed! really 19 _____ you to meet Bonhomme!

Ahmed: Who's he?

Etsuko: He's a snowman! And he 20 _____ a 21 _____ red hat too!

4. Listen and response when you hear a long pause.

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