



## Unit 2

# Festivals



## THE EDINBURGH FESTIVAL Fringe

- A** The Edinburgh Festival Fringe is the largest arts **festival** in the world. It takes place every August for three weeks in Edinburgh, Scotland's capital city.
- B** Every year thousands of **shows** take place and there is something for everyone. There are very **famous** performers in the world of entertainment and unknown artists just starting their careers. Shows include theatre, comedy, dance, music, exhibitions and events.
- C** The festival started in 1947, when eight uninvited theatre groups arrived to **perform** at the Edinburgh International Festival. Not being part of the official programme of the International festival didn't stop these performers – they just did their shows anyway. Every year more and more performers came and in 1959 the Festival Fringe Society started.
- D** The Society became formal and printed its own **programme** and sold tickets. The society lets anyone perform and doesn't check events before they start. Today it is the same – anyone with a story to tell and a place to perform can come.

### READING

- 1 Read the text quickly. What is the text about?
  - a Scottish music
  - b Holidays in Scotland
  - c A festival in Scotland
- 2 Read the text again and complete the sentences.
  - 1 The Edinburgh Fringe Festival lasts for \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2 The shows include comedy, \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3 The first festival was in \_\_\_\_\_
  - 4 The society lets anyone \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Complete the sentences using words in bold from the text.
  - 1 The \_\_\_\_\_ starts at 8pm every night.
  - 2 The \_\_\_\_\_ includes music, dance and theatre.
  - 3 There are many music \_\_\_\_\_ in England in the summer.
  - 4 It's difficult to buy tickets for a show when the person is \_\_\_\_\_. Everyone wants to see them.
  - 5 He \_\_\_\_\_ two shows every day for three weeks. He's very tired at the end.