



Week 8 – Reading Comprehension

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O.A 8 (Comprensión lectora)

Lesson objective: Develop reading comprehension skills by reading a text comprehensively and answering questions looking for general and specific information.

Desarrollar habilidades de comprensión lectora a través de la lectura de un texto, respondiendo preguntas de información general y específica.

Instructions:

- Complete the worksheet according to its instructions and you teacher's.
- Ask your teacher any questions if necessary, raising your hand, opening microphones or chat.



Remember the following tips to develop reading skills in a better way:

1. Focus your attention on meaningful words, like adjectives, nouns and verbs. They will help you understand the context in a better way.

2. List the unknown vocabulary and look it up in a dictionary or ask your teacher.

3. Before reading, read the questions you will be asked so as to focus your attention on the expected answers you have to have.

Pre-Reading

Do you know any strange festival around the world?

While - Reading

Read the following text "Benny's weird festivals" and then complete the table below with specific information about the festivals presented in this article.

Benny's Weird Festivals



Battle of the Oranges

Last year, Benny Aziz went to some extraordinary festivals around the world. I caught up with him in California and found out more in an internet interview.

First, Benny told me about the three-day Battle of the Oranges, which takes place every February in Ivrea, Italy. About 3,000 people dress up in colourful costumes and throw over 360 tonnes of oranges at each other! 'Guards' ride in horse-drawn carts; the 'common people' stay on the ground. Spectators who don't want to be hit wear red hats. After the procession, it takes a team of 100 workers to clean up the city!



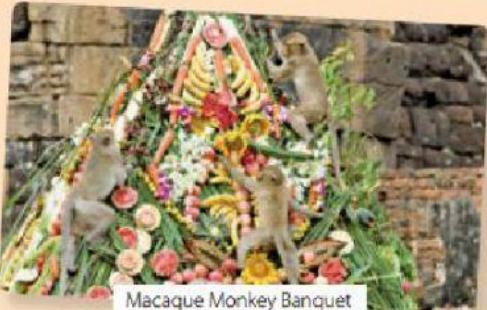
Up Helly Aa Fire Festival

Benny's year started at the Up Helly Aa fire festival in the Shetland Islands, north of Scotland. On the last Tuesday of January, the small town of Lerwick goes mad for 24 hours. At 7.30pm, 1,000 'guizers', men dressed as Vikings, carry flaming torches and a replica Viking longship through the streets. There are fireworks, marching bands, and at least 5,000 spectators. At the end of the procession, the longship is burnt in a huge bonfire. I asked if Benny had slept that night. He said the celebrations ended at 8.30 in the morning!

In November, Benny was in Thailand for the strangest dinner in the world. In the city of Lopburi, 20 top chefs prepare over 2,000 kilos of fresh fruit and vegetables, ice cream and jelly for up to 3,000 special guests. Macaque monkeys! The people believe the monkeys, which live in the city, bring them good luck. This enormous buffet is a way of saying 'thank you'.

I asked Benny if he had a favourite festival. He answered that his favourite is the Air Guitar World Championship in Oulu, Finland, held every August. The competition started as a joke in 1996, but it soon became very popular. Now around 8,000 spectators watch the competitors play their imaginary guitars to rock music. And the prize for the best air guitarist? A real guitar!

Finally, I asked if Benny had plans to visit more festivals. He told me that in May he was attending the Calaveras County Fair in California for the world's biggest frog jumping competition, with thousands of frogs. It's a very strange world!



Macaque Monkey Banquet



Air Guitar Championship

Editorial Creation

Festival's location	Important objects in the festival	Number of spectators	Festival's main activity/attraction	When the festival starts

While - Reading 2

Read the article again and write the name of the corresponding festival every description refers to. ("Battle of the Oranges", "Up Helly Aa Fire festival", "Macaque Monkey Banquet", "Air Guitar Championship")

1. It is celebrated in Italy. _____
2. The gift for the winner is a real instrument. _____
3. People dressed as Vikings. _____
4. It lasts three days. _____
5. Chefs prepare food with lots of fruit. _____
6. The competitors play "imaginary" instruments. _____
7. The celebration ends in the morning. _____

Post - reading

Which of the festivals of the article would you like to attend?
Why?