Listening skills practice: Celebrations – exercises

Listen to the speakers and do the exercises to practise and improve your listening skills.

Preparation

Do this exercise before you listen. Match the events with the definitions and write a – e next to the numbers 1 – 5.

1……..	a party to celebrate the anniversary of someone's birth	a.	golden wedding anniversary
2……..	the marriage of a king, queen, prince or princess	b.	Notting Hill Carnival
3……..	a West Indian carnival held in London every August	c.	end of term party at school
4……..	a celebration of 50 years of marriage	d.	birthday party
5……..	a party normally organised by students to celebrate finishing the school year and completing their exams	e.	Royal wedding

2. Check your understanding: matching

Do this exercise while you listen. Match the speaker with the celebration and write a – e next to the numbers 1 – 5.

1……..	Speaker A	a.	golden wedding anniversary
2……..	Speaker B	b.	Notting Hill Carnival
3……..	Speaker C	c.	end of term party at school
4……..	Speaker D	d.	Royal wedding
5……..	Speaker E	e.	surprise birthday party

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3. Check your understanding: gap fill

Do this exercise while you listen. Complete the gaps with the speaker.

A (x2)	B (x2)	C (x 2)
D (x2)	E (x2)	

1. Speaker _____ will see people dressed in amazing costumes.
2. Speaker _____ is going to decorate the venue with Chinese lanterns and projections on the wall.
3. Speaker _____ is worried about someone on Facebook spoiling the surprise.
4. Speaker _____ is going to be careful of people stealing things.
5. Speaker _____ is going to listen to old-fashioned music played on an old-fashioned machine.
6. Speaker _____ is in one of the bands that are playing.
7. Speaker _____ is going to taste food from all over the world.
8. Speaker _____ is going to celebrate with the whole family.
9. Speaker _____ is organising a party for her two best friends.
10. Speaker _____ is going to make sure there is no traffic on her street,

Do you have any celebrations planned?
What are you celebrating? What are you going to do?

Vocabulary Box Write any new words you have learnt in this lesson.

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