

Reading Comprehension Test

PART 2 ReadingMUSIC FESTIVALS
AROUND THE WORLD

1. Read the following text.

Visiting a festival abroad can be a great reason to travel and a way to experience different cultures.

These days there is such a wide range of choice that it's possible to spend the whole of the summer listening to live music in exciting locations. It can often be cheaper to go to a different country and, of course, it's a chance to meet people from across the world.

Melt! Festival, Ferropolis, Germany

This unique festival takes place on the site of an open air museum for industrial machinery. It's also surrounded by a lake which can be used for swimming when it's hot. Around 90% of festival goers are German, providing a perfect opportunity to practise speaking the language.

¹⁰ **Exit Festival, Serbia**

Located on the banks of the Danube in an old fortress, the festival began as a protest against the government. These days it's less political but still has a strong social conscience. There are stages devoted to electronic, world, dance and hard rock music, providing something for everyone to enjoy.

Belladrum Tartan Heart Festival, Scotland

¹⁵ Set on a remote Scottish estate near Inverness, there's a decidedly Celtic flavour to this festival with lots of smaller folk stages. The highlight of the weekend is the massive Ceilidh (traditional Scottish dance and party), which is always a lively event.

<http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org> (accessed in July 2018)

A. Match the names of the festivals with the activities you can do in each one. Not all apply. Write your answers in the box below. Use letters only. Ex: a) b) c). (80p)

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| 1. Melt! Festival | a) listen to different types of music. |
| 2. Exit Festival | b) visit different folk stages. |
| 3. Belladrum Tartan Heart Festival | c) speak a foreign language. |
| | d) dance traditional folk dances. |
| | e) spend time in an old building. |
| | f) go for a swim. |
| | h) participate in a party. |
| | i) make friends for life. |

Answers:	Melt! Festival	Exit Festival	Belladrum Tartan Heart Festival
(Letters only.)			

B. Find a synonym for these words in the first paragraph of the text. (5 x 8p = 40p)

1. in a foreign country _____
2. amazing _____
3. places _____
4. opportunity _____
5. all over the world _____

C. Choose the correct option to complete the sentences. (4 x 20p = 80p)

1. The advantages of going to music festivals abroad include:
 - a) Travelling, experiencing different cultures and speaking foreign languages.
 - b) Travelling, experiencing different cultures and meeting people from all over the world.
 - c) Travelling, experiencing different cultures and protesting against the government.
2. It is quite easy to practice German at the Melt! Festival because...
 - a) people only speak German in that place.
 - b) the bands and the singers are all German.
 - c) most of the participants are German.
3. In the Exit Festival people can we listen to different types of music on the different stages.
 - a) 5
 - b) 4
 - c) 3
4. At the Belladrum Tartan Heart Festival the most important event is...
 - a) the Ceilidh.
 - b) Inverness.
 - c) the Celtic flavor.

Good Work!