

Preparation

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

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| 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 |

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

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.

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| 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 |

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,