The Carnival of Venice

Italy’s most beloved carnivals, particular mention to the Carnival of Venice. The first official document with which the Carnival of Venice was established as a concession to the people, its was fun and merrymaking, where the mask dominated as a means to briefly ignore any of belonging to social class, gender or religion. Today the Carnival of Venice is an evocative and much-anticipated fest, unique in terms of its history, its masks and its atmosphere. It brings of tourists to Italy year. As in the past, private parties and masquerade balls happen behind the scenes today, Venice’s grand noble palaces. In these places, time seems to stand still, guests jump into this world of ancient splendor, reliving the Carnival tradition of ago. Some of the spectacular moments during the Venetian carnival are the “Flight of the Angel” (or “Flight of Colombina”), a that began with a Turkish acrobat in mid-1500s. In this amazing spectacle an artist in flesh and hangs from a metal cable, and, suspended in air, makes his from the top of St. Mark’s Bell Tower to the Doge’s Palace. It is a magnificent to see!


1. Choose the best option:

| 1. A-between | B-about | C-among | D-of |
| 2. A-takes | B-goes | C-brings | D-gives |
| 3. A-declared | B-declaring | C-declares | D-to declare |
| 4. A-to make | B-making | C-made | D-make |
| 5. A-by | B-to | C-of | D-for |
| 6. A-subject | B-idea | C-object | D-objective |
| 7. A-times | B-signs | C-means | D-ways |
| 8. A-popularity | B-popular | C-populated | D-population |
| 9. A-highly | B-really | C-strangely | D-only |
| 10. A-many | B-numerous | C-millions | D-thousands |
| 11. A-any | B-only | C-every | D-all |
| 12. A-for | B-in | C-since | D-during |
| 13. A-part | B-apart | C-place | D-parts |
| 14. A-following | B-feeling | C-filling | D-feasting |
2. Match these words from the text with their meaning:

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<th>a party or other gathering to which the guests wear masks and costumes</th>
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<td>considered collectively as the inheritance of present-day society</td>
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<td>waterway</td>
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<td>masquerade</td>
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<td>ancient</td>
<td>a form of government in which power is vested in a few persons or in a dominant class or clique</td>
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<td>tending to evoke, to bring to mind (a memory, mood, or image); suggestive</td>
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<td>to exude</td>
<td>(in the Christian religion) a 40-day period of fasting and penitence in preparation for Easter</td>
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<td>throughout</td>
<td>a river, canal, or other navigable channel used as a means of travel or transport</td>
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<td>to render</td>
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3. Read the following statements and say if they are False or True:

The Carnival of Venice is less popular than other carnivals.       ..........
The official documents have no mention of the Carnival of Venice.  ..........
People used masks to make fun of each other.                     ..........
The Carnival of Venice is similar to other carnivals in the world. ..........
Today lots of tourists come to Venice for the Carnival.           ..........
The duration of the Carnival is variable.                         ..........
Everybody can participate in the events throughout the city.      ..........
Everybody can take part in the masquerade balls inside the Venice’s palaces. ..........
The tradition of “The Flight of the Angel” is a recent one.        ..........
“The Flight of the Angel” is an aviation show.                     ..........
Venice is an UNESCO World Heritage Site.                         ..........

**CARNEVALE di VENEZIA**
Each year tons of tourists go to Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo, Salvador, Recife and other important Brazilian cities to take part in the most famous Brazilian celebration: the Carnival. It's usually in February, starts on Saturday (some cities start the celebration on Friday) and lasts until the next Tuesday.

**Rio de Janeiro**
The most important event of the Carnival in Rio de Janeiro is the Parade when all of the "Samba Schools" perform to people on an avenue especially set for the occasion. Each samba school prepares a song theme (or "samba") and while it’s sung by the samba school official singers, the samba school members pass through the streets dancing "samba", wearing costumes and some go on floats. The floats, the singers, the members and the costumes have a unique theme, based on a story that is narrated by the "samba theme". It's common to see Brazilian and foreign artists participating in the parade.

**São Paulo**
São Paulo city also has a popular parade that is similar to the one in Rio de Janeiro. Carnival Balls are also common, people wear costumes and dance samba until 4 a.m. The most important clubs promote carnival balls each night, from Friday to Tuesday and in the afternoon there's a matinee ball for the kids. The most popular character is the "King Momo", each city chooses a heavy man to wear the "King Momo" costume and he participates in the Carnival Balls, especially for the kids. He’s also called "the king of Carnival".

**Salvador, Recife and other big cities**
In Salvador people dance on the street, following the "trio elétrico", that is a truck with a band and some singers on it. They play during all the night and the people dance while following them. In Recife each "trio elétrico" plays and sings another rhythm - besides "samba": the "frevo", that is danced wearing costumes and holding a kind of small umbrella. It’s a popular rhythm during the Carnival. In Salvador they also have the "Olodum", a famous group that participated with Michael Jackson in some of his hits recordings when he was in Brazil.
Try to identify the pictures and match the words:

1. SAMBA SCHOOL PARADE (Rio de Janeiro)
2. FLOAT (Samba School Parade – São Paulo)
3. FREVO DANCERS (Recife)
4. OLODUM GROUP (Salvador)
5. Michael Jackson singing with Olodum Group (Salvador)
6. OLODUM GROUP (Salvador)

Answers: 1 - Samba School Parade (Rio de Janeiro); 2 - Float (Samba School Parade - São Paulo; 3 - Frevo dancers (Recife); 4 - Olodum Group (Salvador); 5 O Michael Jackson singing with Olodum Group (Salvador); 6 - Olodum dancer jumping during the dance (Recife)
Have you ever heard about Brazilian Carnival? (If aff.) What have you heard about it?
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Have you listened to samba or frevo? Would you like to learn how to dance samba and frevo?
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Would you like to visit Brazil and take part in Brazilian Carnival? Which of the mentioned cities would you like to visit?
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Explain your choice: ___________________________________________________________
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If you visited Brazil during Carnival, would you like to see the parades, or would you prefer to go to the Carnival Balls? Why?
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Is there such a celebration in your country? _______________________________________
How is Carnival in your country? _________________________________________________
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Do you like Carnival? Why (not)? ________________________________________________

Mark true (T) or false (F). When it’s false, you’ll explain it orally:
Carnival always happens in February. ( )
There are samba school parades only in Rio de Janeiro during Carnival. ( )
The floats present during the samba school parades. ( )
Foreign artists can’t participate in samba school parades. ( )
Carnival is celebrated only in Rio de Janeiro. ( )
Besides the parades, there are people dancing frevo on the streets in São Paulo City. ( )
People dance frevo in Recife during Carnival. ( )
Olodum is a group from Salvador. ( )
Michael Jackson recorded a CD with the group Olodum ( )
Each city chooses a heavy man to be the “King of Carnival”. ( )
The King of Carnival is also called “King Momo”. ( )
The King Momo participates mainly in the evening Carnival Balls. ( )
The Parade in Rio de Janeiro occurs on a street especially prepared for the celebration. ( )
Many Brazilian tourists go to other countries during Carnival. ( )
The carnival starts on Saturday (or Friday) and ends on the next Tuesday. ( )
In Salvador people dance on the street, whereas in São Paulo they prefer to dance in Carnival Balls. ( )
In Recife a truck with sound and singers passes through the streets while the people go behind it, singing and dancing. ( )
Frevo is a typical rhythm from Recife. ( )
When Michael Jackson was in Brazil, he didn’t go to Salvador. ( )
The truck with sound and singers that goes through the streets in Recife and Salvador is called “trio elétrico”. ( )
The people who follow the “trio elétrico” dance and sing all the night. ( )
Carnival celebrations happen only in the mentioned cities in Brazil ( )
Mark true (T) or false (F). When it's false, you'll explain it orally:

Carnival always happens in February. (F)
IT FOLLOWS THE CHRISTIAN CALENDAR, SOMETIMES IT HAPPENS IN MARCH.

There are samba school parades only in Rio de Janeiro during Carnival. (F)
THERE ARE SAMBA SCHOOLS IN MANY IMPORTANT CITIES, BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENT IN RIO DE JANEIRO DURING THE CARNIVAL IS THE PARADE.
The floats present during the samba school parades. (T)
Foreign artists can't participate in samba school parades. (F)
THERE ARE BRAZILIAN AND FOREIGN ARTISTS PARTICIPATING IN THE SAMBA SCHOOL PARADES EVERY YEAR.

Carnival is celebrated only in Rio de Janeiro. (F)
IT'S CELEBRATED ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, BUT THE MOST FAMOUS AROUND THE WORLD AND THAT ATTRACTS MORE TOURISTS IS THE CARNIVAL IN RIO DE JANEIRO.

Besides the parades, there are people dancing frevo on the streets in São Paulo City. (F)
PEOPLE DANCE FREVO MAINLY IN RECIFE.

People dance frevo in Recife during Carnival. (T)
Olodum is a group from Salvador. (T)
Michael Jackson recorded a CD with the group Olodum (T)
Each city chooses a heavy man to be the "King of Carnival". (T)
The King of Carnival is also called "King Momo". (T)
The King Momo participates mainly in the evening Carnival Balls. (F)

HE PARTICIPATES MAINLY IN THE AFTERNOON BALLS (MATINEES) FOR THE KIDS.
The Parade in Rio de Janeiro occurs on a street especially prepared for the celebration. (T)
Many Brazilian tourists go to other countries during Carnival. (F)

MANY FOREIGN TOURISTS GO TO BRAZIL TO SEE AND DANCE DURING CARNIVAL.
The carnival starts on Saturday (or Friday) and ends on the next Tuesday. (T)
In Salvador people dance on the street, whereas in São Paulo they prefer to dance in Carnival Balls. (T)
In Recife a truck with sound and singers passes through the streets while the people go behind it, singing and dancing. (T)
Frevo is a typical rhythm from Recife. (T)
When Michael Jackson was in Brazil, he didn’t go to Salvador. (F)

HE WAS IN SALVADOR AND EVEN RECORDED A CD WITH THE GROUP OLODUM (THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT US).
The truck with sound and singers that goes through the streets in Recife and Salvador is called "trio elétrico". (T)
The people who follow the "trio elétrico" dance and sing all the night. (T)
Carnival celebrations happen only in the mentioned cities in Brazil (F)
THEY HAPPEN ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, ONLY THE MOST FAMOUS ONES WERE MENTIONED IN THE TEXT.

Some links of videos where you can see what you have just read about:

Michael Jackson in Rio (favela) and Salvador (Pelourinho) recording a CD with the group Olodum:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mwQF6Z0bFbs
Samba School Parede: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ABgJ04OkbY&feature=related
Frevo in Recife: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CSGvJ5SpQ2I&feature=fvst
In multicultural Britain, there are a lot of different festivals. People celebrate the Notting Hill Carnival in London during the last weekend in August. There are big processions through the city. People wear fantastic costumes, and they dance in the streets. Musicians play steel drums, and people sing songs called ‘soca’. Disc jockeys also play music in the street, it’s very loud!

The origin of the Notting Hill Carnival says that immigrants from the Caribbean started the carnival in 1964. Now lots of people can participate in the carnival and two million people celebrate every year.

If you can’t travel to Rio de Janeiro, you can come to the Notting Hill Carnival! It’s a fantastic party with great music, fabulous costumes and delicious food. I’m sure you’ll enjoy yourself here.
1. Match the pictures and the words.

- Cowboy
- Indian
- Pilot
- Fairy
- Princess
- Mask
- Scarecrow
- Clown
- Bride
- Policeman
- Robot
- Vampire
- Bee
- Ghost
- Firefighter
- Fancy dress party
- Dancers
- Devil
- Cowgirl
- Little Red Riding Hood
2. Find 15 costumes in the wordsearch.

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FIREFIGHTER(11, 11, NW)
GHOST(8, 12, E)
INDIAN(11, 4, SW)
KNIGHT(6, 10, W)
LADYBIRD(1, 8, NE)
MERMAID(3, 1, SE)
PIRATE(10, 11, NW)
PRINCESS(4, 3, E)
ROBOT(5, 7, SE)
SCARECROW(12, 11, N)
VAMPIRE(4, 6, S)
WITCH(12, 2, W)
Carnival Costumes—Pictionary

- Magician
- Witch
- King
- Princess
- Trapper girl
- Pirate
- Sleepwalker
- Ladybird
- Lion
- Dancer
- Pilot
- Nurse
- Clown
- Knight
- Caveman
- Cheerleader
- Astronaut
- Detective
- Matador
- Monster
- Robot
- Hippie
- Cowboy
- Hawaiian girl
- Samurai
1. Match the pictures and the words

   a) CLOWN
   b) PIRATE
   c) FAIRY
   d) WITCH
   e) INDIAN
   f) VAMPIRE
   g) COWBOY
   h) GHOST
   i) MASK
   j) FANCY DRESS

2. Can you find the name of twelve costumes?

3. What does this poster advertise?

   CANFY REDSS TYPAR
   It's no Studyara 9th Furrybea
   morf 6:00 mp - 9:00 mp
   ta het giVeall aHla
1. Match the pictures and the words:

1. d
2. f
3. a
4. g
5. b
6. j
7. i
8. e
9. h
10. c

2. Solution

STOBOR + PSN
+ P + + + RKO
BTI + + I + NPT
+ A + DN + TIEE
NCTCEI + GRL
+ OEMGR + HME
+ SIEAE + MTAK
S + RL + N + ANS
dribydaln +
MERMAID + + +

(Over, Down, Direction)

BATMAN(1,3,SE)
CAT(2,5,N)
KNIGHT(8,2,S)
LADYBIRD(8,9,W)
LION(4,8,NW)
MERMAID(1,10,E)
PRINCESS(8,1,SW)
ROBOT(6,1,W)
SKELETON(10,8,N)
SPIDERMAN(1,1,SE)
SUPERMAN(9,1,S)
TIGER(7,4,SW)

3. Please join us for our annual FANCY DRESS PARTY

It's on Saturday 9th February from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm at the Village Hall.
CARNIVAL COSTUMES

Which carnival costume do Mary and her friends wear?

1. Mary has a long dress and a crown. Mary is a ____________________________

2. John has a brown hat and a lasso. John is a _____________________________

3. Rick has a helmet and a sword. Rick is a ________________________________

4. Alex has a trumpet and a red nose. Alex is a ____________________________

5. Tino is an animal. Tino is a _________________________________

6. Adam has a hat with feathers and a sword. Adam is a ____________________________

7. Gabi has a white dress. Gabi is a ________________________________

8. Mario has 1 eye. Mario is a ________________________________

9. Anna has wings like a butterfly. Anna is a ______________________________

10. Clara has a broom and a black hat. Clara is a __________________________

11. Mark has red clothes and a water hose. Mark is a ________________________

12. Frank has a lance and a hat with feathers. Frank is a __________________________

Colour the pictures and describe the coloured costumes.
SOLUTIONS:

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CARNIVAL FUN

1. What am I wearing?

[Image of various costumes: a ballerina, a pirate, a cowboy, a superhero, a princess, and a fairy]

2. Who am I?

a) I love dancing! I wear point shoes and a beautiful dress. __________________

b) I’m very beautiful and I have seven great friends. __________________

c) I live in a palace and I wear a crown. __________________

d) I love the sea and I have a huge ship. __________________

e) I always wear a cool hat and boots. I also have a horse. __________________

f) I’m a superhero. My real name is Peter Parker. __________________