UNIT 6

Keeping traditions and customs alive
Like all cultures, the Brazilians have their own unique way of doing things. This is especially true with the annual celebration of the coming of Easter which lasts for four days. During this time the streets of Rio are full of people watching or taking part in a lavish Carnival procession. The Brazilians celebrate with a world-famous carnival which takes place seven weeks before Easter every year. The Rio carnival probably grew out of the pagan celebrations and the heritage of ordinary people celebrating the end of beginning of Spring.

It is a time of great partying and dancing with people dressing up in all sorts of colourful and amazing costumes which they have spent all year making. The word Carnival comes from "carne vale" meaning "farewell or goodbye to meat". Although the official Carnival starting day is Saturday, the partying begins in earnest the night before and continues through Tuesday (Mardi Gras means "Fat Tuesday").

During the Carnival, the different parade elements must work as a single unit, dramatizing the same theme, which the samba school changes annually. They willingly do this because Carnival is a fantasy escape, which helps them forget their hard everyday lives. The major attraction of every Carnival is the sounds and sights of the parading samba schools that goes on from dusk to day break.

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Activity 2

You would like to invite your English speaking friend to visit you during the Carnival time just before Easter.

Write an e-mail of about 40-50 words to your friend. You should

- invite your friend to your home
- say why you think the Carnival time would be a good time to visit
- explain what happens during the Carnival.

Activity 3 - Grammar

Complete the sentences with the correct verb in the correct tense.

1. The King .................. his soldiers to put Guy Fawkes in prison.
2. Many people .................. to believe in ghosts and spirits.
3. Celebrations .................. people of special events in their culture.
4. His father .................. him photographs of his childhood.
5. Most parents in the UK ............... their children to stay out late on Bonfire Night.
6. All kinds of things .................. during celebrations.
7. Everyone .................. to come to the fireworks party.
8. The little girl .................. when she saw the horrible mask.
9. The plotters .................. a house which was next to Parliament.
10. Most children in the UK know how to .................. a bonfire.
Activity 4

Look at each text. What does it say?

1. John,
   Got to go out for a while. I'll try to get back by 9 pm.
   Remember to record the documentary about world carnivals for me. It starts at 8.30.
   Love, Liz

   A. John should go out for a while.
   B. Liz wants to watch the documentary later.
   C. Liz wants John to go to the carnival.

2. Maria,
   Could you e-mail the times of the different events for the festival? I need to arrange for a taxi.
   Sorry, I wasn't able to get to the presentation on time.
   Cheers!
   Susan

   A. Maria and Susan were together at the presentation.
   B. Susan wants to know about the festival events.
   C. Susan is trying to plan her trip to the festival.

3. CARNIVAL
   All welcome. Friday night 9.30 at the central square. Fancy dress a must. Prizes for best costumes. Food and drinks available for a small fee.

   A. Food and drink is free to all.
   B. The Carnival starts at 9.30 on Friday.
   C. Everyone must have a dress.

4. Remember, remember the 5th of November
   Gunpowder, treason and plot.
   I see no reason that Gunpowder treason Should ever be forgot.

   A. We must forget the 5th of November.
   B. It is important to remember a reason.
   C. Never forget the Gunpowder plot.

5. DO NOT LIGHT FIREWORKS WITHOUT ASSISTANCE. ASK AN ADULT TO HELP.

   A. Light fireworks only when there is an adult near you.
   B. If there is an adult near you, do not light fireworks.
   C. Ask an adult to light your fireworks.
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Activity 5

Match the celebrations below with the reason:

1. 28th of October  a) Christmas day
2. 25th of March  b) Resurrection of Jesus Christ
3. 25th December  c) Not eating meat Day
4. 31st December  d) New Year’s Eve
5. Apokries/Carnival  e) Dressing up and having parties
6. Clean Monday  f) Eating roast meat Day
7. Chikno Thursday  g) ‘NO’ Day
8. Easter  h) Revolution Day

Activity 6

Complete the sentences by putting the words in capitals into the correct form (-age, ment, -ion):

1. The little girl look at her ................................ in the water. REFLECT
2. There was much ................................ among the children about the festival. EXCITE
3. The bride and groom left the church in a white ................................ CARRY
4. Our ........................................... from the mayor was to decorate all the streets. INSTRUCT
5. Are we all in ...................................... about where we will have the bonfire? AGREE
6. In case of damage or ................................ we must be very careful. BREAK
7. The Christmas tree is a modern day ...................................... INVENT
8. The boys had an ..................................
9. If Guy Fawkes had blown up the building there would have been great ................................ of blood. SPILL
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Activity 7

Complete the following sentences with one of the prepositional phrases in the box.

from year to year  from one to the other  from time to time  from dusk to daybreak
from door to door  from morning to night  from place to place

a) The children went ..................................asking for wood to burn on the bonfire.
b) Although bonfires are usually safe, ................................some people get hurt.
c) The location of the festival changes ........................................
d) We have been having this celebration ................................since I was born.
e) The bulls run through the streets of Pamplona all day ................................
f) At Christmas, it is the tradition among family members to exchange gifts ................................
g) The Carnival celebrations in Rio go on all night ................................

Activity 8

Match the verbs 1-6 with a suitable preposition a-f.

1. frighten  a. out
2. join    b. away
3. dress   c. together
4. put     d. out
5. keep    e. off
6. hollow  f. up

Now, complete the following sentences using the phrases.

1. The tradition in America on the last day of the year is to ...................... the tree and hide inside.
2. All the people in the village usually ......................to help prepare the Square.
3. In ancient times, a candle light was used to ......................anything bad from the house.
4. It is the job of the local firemen to ......................the bonfire the next morning.
5. In Greece at carnival time most people like to ......................and go to a party.
6. The reason why people in England wear spooky costumes is to ......................evil spirits.
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Activity 9 - Word square

Find 10 words about festivals in the word square. Then match the words to the pictures a-j.

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Activity 10 - Similar or different?

Underline the most suitable word of those in bold in each sentence.

a) How can we say / tell the difference between a ghost and a spirit?
b) Her father allowed / let her to stay out late for the carnival.
c) In Greece, it is the ritual / tradition for the bride to step on the husband’s foot during the wedding ceremony.
d) The groom / bride wore a beautiful white dress.
e) The young woman received a heritage / dowry of fifty olive trees and ten sheep for her marriage.
f) The children walked through the fields using the light of their candle / lantern to see.
g) Who belongs / owns this fancy dress costume?
h) The Houses / Buildings of Parliament in Greece are in Syntagma square.
i) Cinderella went to the ball in a beautiful golden cart / carriage.
j) The government makes the laws / rules in each country.
Activity 11

The words in bold italics are in the wrong sentences. Find the correct sentence for each word.

a) An effigy number is one that is like 1, 3, 5, 7, 9. _______________

b) Please leave clean torch-lit in the bathroom for the guests. _______________

c) The candles and cakes are straw and not from the shops. _______________

d) At Easter, on the island of Hydra a/an treat of a traitor is burned each year. _______________

e) There was a homemade procession through the streets with the epitaph. _______________

f) The syrup on the apples is very odd. _______________

g) Many effigies are made of towels. _______________

h) People usually give children a ceremony when they knock on their doors at Hallowe'en. _______________

i) The wedding sticky lasted two hours. _______________

Activity 12

Here are some sentences about Christmas. For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

1. Parents say to their children that Santa will come at midnight.
   Parents …………………………… that Santa will come at midnight.

2. As a child, I remember leaving carrots and sugar for the reindeer.
   When I was a child I would …………………………… carrots and sugar for the reindeer.

3. ‘Would you help me with trimming the tree for Christmas?’ asked my father.
   My father asked …………………………… him to trim the tree for Christmas.

4. ‘Yes, of course we can use coloured lights on the tree’, mum agreed.
   Mum agreed …………………………… coloured lights on the tree.

5. Years ago, people would put a little boat in their sitting room window at Christmas.
   In …………………………… people would put a little boat in their sitting-room windows at Christmas.
Activity 1

Choose the correct ending for each sentence.

1. The little boys shouted at the policeman but they disappeared ......................
   a) when he started chasing them    b) to run away

2. Michael’s mother reminded him ..........................................................
   a) after the party               b) to telephone his friend about the party.

3. Afterwards, I don’t know what happened............................................
   a) the accident                  b) (nothing)

4. Can you give the gift .................................................................?
   a) to Mary                      b) Mary

5. The boys decided to ............................................................... .
   a) ask for some treats          b) some treats

   marks / 5

Activity 2

Complete the sentences with the correct noun from the box. There is one extra noun that you do not need.

messages        traffic lights        gold        rumours        potatoes        love

1. The young couple fell in ....................... at first sight.

2. The Town Council plans to install ................. at the end of our road.

3. The bad boy spread ......................... that the school burnt down.

4. The people in Chile were the first to grow ...................... .

5. Before telephones, people used birds to carry ...................... .

   marks / 5
Activity 3

Choose the correct word from those in italics to best complete each sentence.

1. Heracles was not like other mortal / real men but was half God.
2. Thor had a hot head/temper and got angry easily.
3. Martina’s aunt went to a fortune speaker/teller to ask for advice.
4. The temple at Sounion is a very famous ancient sight/site.
5. George’s father works in the hospital and his mother works in the tourist section/sector.

Activity 4

Look at the statement in each question 1-5. What does it say? Mark the correct letter A, B or C.

1. Contact headmaster to book seats on coach for trip.
   a) If you want to go to the headmaster take a trip
   b) Take a headmaster on a trip
   c) If you want to go on the school trip, see the headmaster.

2. My advice is to take a camera when you go to Delphi.
   a) If I were you, I would take a camera to Delphi
   b) If you want to go to Delphi buy a camera
   c) If you have a camera, go to Delphi.

3. “Go to sleep and the Scottish giant will go home”, said Oona.
   a) If the Scottish giant sleeps, you can go home, said Oona.
   b) If you are asleep, the Scottish giant will go home, said Oona.
   c) Tell Oona to sleep, said the Scottish giant.

4. To build a disco in the area of the ancient site would cause a problem.
   a) If the disco opened, inside the ancient site would have problems.
   b) If a disco opened, the area around the ancient site would have a problem.
   c) If the ancient site opened, the disco would have problems.

5. If the giants angered Thor, he would throw his hammer at them.
   a) If Thor threw his hammer, the giants were angry.
   b) If the giants were angry, Thor threw his hammer at them.
   c) If the giants made Thor angry, he would throw his hammer at them.
Activity 5

Complete each sentence 1-5 with the correct word from those in the box.

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1. Having ................ about a myth or a religion is personal and no one can stop you.
2. It is a ............... in Greece to throw rice over the newly married couple.
3. New Year ................. start at ten o’clock in Edingburgh on the 31st of December.
4. The Carnival in Patras is one of the most popular ............... in Greece.
5. Many ............... in Greece go back hundreds of years.

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Activity 6

Complete the sentences 1-5 with one of the nouns in the box.

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1. After a few hours, the people put out the ....................... .
2. In Ireland the local people believe the ............... of the dead people come out at Halloween.
3. Irene doesn’t believe in ....................... and thinks it is nonsense.
4. Whatever Midas touched, it turned to ....................... .
5. The children go around the ....................... and knock on doors.

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Activity 7

Match the word pairs to complete the following sentences 1-5.

1. We had such ................. at the carnival and laughed all the time.
2. My dad bought mum a ................. for her nameday.
3. Years ago, the celebration of Christmas had a special meaning but that seems to be lost in the ................. .
4. The kids from the 3rd class went to a ................. party last Saturday.
5. Our summer ................. starts at the end of June.

Activity 8

Complete each sentence with the correct word.

1. The children shout trick or ................. and then receive some candies.
   a) fear  b) treat  c) eat  d) cry
2. My grandmother in the village had a ................. to sweep her floor.
   a) dwarf  b) stick  c) hammer  d) broom
3. Mythology tells us that the Gods lived in the ................. .
   a) sea  b) heavens  c) memory  d) air
4. Come on now children! Stop playing ................. on that little girl.
   a) tricks  b) tennis  c) computer games  d) treats
5. Soula’s grandmother always lights ................. when she goes to church.
   a) fires  b) flashes  c) candles  d) leaflets

marks / 5

Total marks / 40