MARDI GRAS

http://www.eslHolidayLessons.com/02/mardis_gras.html

CONTENTS:
The Reading / Tapescript 2
Phrase Match 3
Listening Gap Fill 4
Listening / Reading Gap Fill 5
Choose the Correct Word 6
Multiple Choice 7
Spelling 8
Put the Text Back Together 9
Scrambled Sentences 10
Discussion 11
Student Survey 12
Writing 13
Homework 14

ALL ANSWERS ARE IN THE TEXT ON PAGE 2.
"Mardi Gras" is French for “Fat Tuesday”. It is the name of a celebration that takes place on the day before Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the 40-day period of Lent. Mardi Gras is the final day of a three-day period, which starts on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. In Catholic countries, people fast during lent. People eat well the day before Ash Wednesday and hold celebrations. These can be wonderful, colourful carnivals all over the world. The most famous are those in Rio de Janeiro, New Orleans and Venice. The tradition of Mardis Gras goes back hundreds of years in Catholic Europe. Explorers, settlers and missionaries exported the tradition worldwide.

Today, Mardi Gras is a riot of colour, street carnivals, marching bands, dancing and all-night partying in the streets. Many people dress up in spectacular costumes and wear beautiful masks. The biggest Mardis Gras carnivals are in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and New Orleans, Louisiana. Thousands of people from all over the world visit these cities to join in the fun. Venice is home to one of the oldest carnivals in the world, called Carnevale di Venezia. This dates back to 1268. Thousands of mask-wearing revelers fill the Venetian streets and attend special masked balls. In Sydney, Australia, Mardis Gras is celebrated by the city’s gay and lesbian community with street parades and costumes.
# PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

**Paragraph 1**

1. a celebration that takes place on the day before Ash Wednesday
   - a.
2. the beginning of the 40-day tradition worldwide
   - b.
3. the final day of a three-period of Lent
   - c.
4. People eat well the day back hundreds of years
   - d.
5. The tradition of Mardis Gras goes day before Ash Wednesday
   - e.
6. missionaries exported the day period
   - f.

**Paragraph 2**

1. Mardi Gras is a riot all over the world
   - a.
2. Many people dress up in the Venetian streets
   - b.
3. Thousands of people from and lesbian community
   - c.
4. Venice is home to one of the oldest spectacular costumes
   - d.
5. mask-wearing revelers fill of colour
   - e.
6. celebrated by the city’s gay carnivals in the world
   - f.
LISTENING GAP FILL

"Mardi Gras" is French for “Fat Tuesday”. It is the name of a celebration the day before Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the 40-day period of Lent. Mardi Gras is three-day period, which starts on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. In Catholic countries, people fast during lent. People before Ash Wednesday and hold celebrations. These can be wonderful, colourful carnivals all over the world. The in Rio de Janeiro, New Orleans and Venice. The tradition of Mardis Gras goes back hundreds of years in Catholic Europe. Explorers, settlers and missionaries worldwide.

Today, Mardi Gras is, street carnivals, marching bands, dancing and all-night partying in the streets. Many people dress costumes and wear beautiful masks. The biggest Mardis Gras carnivals are in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and New Orleans, Louisiana. Thousands of people the world visit these cities. Venice is home to one of the oldest carnivals in the world, called Carnevale di Venezia. 1268. Thousands of mask-wearing revelers fill the Venetian streets and attend special masked balls. In Sydney, Australia, Mardis Gras is celebrated by the city’s gay and lesbian community with street.
"Mardi Gras" is French for “Fat Tuesday”. It is the _______ of a celebration that takes place on the day _______ Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the 40-day _______ of Lent. Mardi Gras is the _______ day of a three-day period which starts on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. In Catholic countries, people fast _______ lent. People eat well the day before Ash Wednesday and hold celebrations. These can be wonderful, colourful carnivals all _______ the world. The most famous are those in Rio de Janeiro, New Orleans and Venice. The _______ of Mardis Gras goes back hundreds of years in Catholic Europe. Explorers, _______ and missionaries exported the tradition worldwide.

Today, Mardi Gras is a riot of colour, _______ carnivals, marching bands, dancing and all-_______ partying in the streets. Many people dress up in spectacular costumes and wear beautiful _______. The biggest Mardis Gras carnivals are in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and New Orleans, Louisiana. Thousands of people from all _______ the world visit these cities to join in the fun. Venice is home to one of the _______ carnivals in the world, called Carnevale di Venezia. This dates back to 1268. Thousands of mask-wearing revelers _______ the Venetian streets and _______ special masked balls. In Sydney, Australia, Mardis Gras is celebrated by the city’s gay and lesbian _______ with street parades and costumes.
"Mardi Gras" is French for "Fat Tuesday". It is the name of a celebration that takes place on the day before Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the 40-day period of Lent. Mardi Gras is the final day of a three-day period which starts on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. In Catholic countries, people fast during lent. People eat well the day before Ash Wednesday and hold celebrations. These can be wonderful, colourful carnivals all over the world. The most famous are those in Rio de Janeiro, New Orleans and Venice. The tradition of Mardis Gras goes back hundreds of years in Catholic Europe. Explorers, settlers and missionaries exported the tradition worldwide.

Today, Mardi Gras is a riot of colour, street carnivals, marching bands, dancing and all-night partying in the streets. Many people dress up in spectacular costumes and wear beautiful masks. The biggest Mardis Gras carnivals are in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and New Orleans, Louisiana. Thousands of people from all over the world visit these cities to join in the fun. Venice is home to one of the oldest carnivals in the world, called Carnevale di Venezia. This dates back to 1268. Thousands of mask-wearing revelers fill the Venetian streets and attend special masked hoops. In Sydney, Australia, Mardis Gras is celebrated by the city’s gay and lesbian community with street parades and costumes.
MULTIPLE CHOICE

"Mardi Gras" is French (1) ____ “Fat Tuesday”. It is the name of a celebration that takes place on the day before Ash Wednesday, which (2) ____ the beginning of the 40-day period of Lent. Mardi Gras is the final day of a three-day period, (3) ____ starts on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. In Catholic countries, people fast during lent. People eat well the day before Ash Wednesday and (4) ____ celebrations. These can be wonderful, colourful carnivals all over the world. The most famous are those in Rio de Janeiro, New Orleans and Venice. The (5) ____ of Mardis Gras goes back hundreds of years in Catholic Europe. Explorers, settlers and missionaries (6) ____ the tradition worldwide.

Today, Mardi Gras is a riot of (7) ____ , street carnivals, marching bands, dancing and all-night partying in the streets. Many people dress up (8) ____ spectacular costumes and wear beautiful masks. The biggest Mardis Gras carnivals are in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and New Orleans, Louisiana. Thousands of people from all over the world visit (9) ____ cities to join in the fun. Venice is home to one of the oldest carnivals in the world, called Carnevale di Venezia. This (10) ____ back to 1268. Thousands of mask-wearing revelers fill the Venetian streets and (11) ____ special masked balls. In Sydney, Australia, Mardis Gras is celebrated by the city’s gay and lesbian communities (12) ____ street parades and costumes.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

1. (a) for (b) from (c) with (d) by
2. (a) marking (b) marker (c) markings (d) marks
3. (a) when (b) which (c) where (d) whom
4. (a) bold (b) cold (c) hold (d) fold
5. (a) traditions (b) tradition (c) traditionally (d) traditional
6. (a) exported (b) exporting (c) exporter (d) export
7. (a) colouring (b) coloured (c) colour (d) colourful
8. (a) along (b) for (c) to (d) up
9. (a) these (b) them (c) this (d) then
10. (a) date (b) dates (c) dating (d) dateline
11. (a) attendance (b) attendee (c) attend (d) attended
12. (a) from (b) at (c) for (d) with
SPELLING
Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. marks the beginning of the 40-day ipoedr of Lent
2. people fast rgdiun lent
3. These can be olfwudren
4. The most asuomf
5. goes back ddrusneh of years
6. exported the tradition wwrloedid

Paragraph 2

7. a orti of colour
8. all-night anptgriy in the streets
9. dress up in spectacular mtssceou
10. one of the oldest viaalcrns in the world
11. etadnt special masked balls
12. street esparda
Well the day before Ash Wednesday and hold celebrations. These can be wonderful, colourful carnivals all over the world. People partying in the streets. Many people dress up in spectacular costumes and wear beautiful masks. The biggest and attend special masked balls. In Sydney, Australia, Mardis Gras is celebrated by the city’s gay and lesbian community with street parades and costumes. Over the world visit these cities to join in the fun. Venice is home to one of the oldest carnivals in the world, called Carnevale di Venezia. This dates back to 1268. Thousands of mask-wearing revelers fill the Venetian streets period, which starts on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. In Catholic countries, people fast during lent. People eat settlers and missionaries exported the tradition worldwide. Mardis Gras goes back hundreds of years in Catholic Europe. Explorers, Mardis Gras carnivals are in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and New Orleans, Louisiana. Thousands of people from all world. The most famous are those in Rio de Janeiro, New Orleans and Venice. The tradition of Today, Mardi Gras is a riot of colour, street carnivals, marching bands, dancing and all-night Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the 40-day period of Lent. Mardi Gras is the final day of a three-day
SCRAMBLED SENTENCES
With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. Mardi is for Tuesday Gras French Fat

2. of day final the is Gras Mardi period day - three a

3. fast people , countries Catholic In lent during

4. goes hundreds years Gras back of Mardis

5. tradition exported worldwide the missionaries

6. Mardi of Gras colour is Today a , riot

7. spectacular Many dress in costumes people up

8. cities the people world from visit all these over

9. Venice of is the home oldest to carnivals one

10. revelers wearing - mask streets Venetian the fill
DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A’s QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _______________________________________________________
2. _______________________________________________________
3. _______________________________________________________
4. _______________________________________________________
5. _______________________________________________________
6. _______________________________________________________ 

STUDENT B’s QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _______________________________________________________
2. _______________________________________________________
3. _______________________________________________________
4. _______________________________________________________
5. _______________________________________________________
6. _______________________________________________________ 

Copyright © www.ESL Holiday Lessons.com
THE MARDI GRAS SURVEY

Write five questions about Mardi Gras in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Q.1.</th>
<th>___________</th>
<th>___________</th>
<th>___________</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Q.2.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Q.3.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Q.4.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Q.5.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.
WRITING
Write about Mardi Gras for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other’s work.

______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google’s search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about Mardi Gras. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Mardi Gras. Write about what happens around the world. Include two imaginary interviews with people who did something on this day. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. POSTER: Make your own poster about Mardi Gras. Write about what will happen on this day around the world. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.