

Reading

3 Look at the headings. Have you heard of any of these festivals?

Summer time is a time for festivals in Britain.

Join us as we go to three fab festivals!

Notting Hill Carnival

The Notting Hill Carnival takes place in the Notting Hill area of London on the last weekend in August. It is a huge multicultural arts festival and is the largest street festival in Europe. Groups come from all over the world to take part. There's music, dancing, street theatre and decorated floats. Up to 1.5 million people come to the festival and there's something for everyone to see and do.



Glastonbury Festival

In June Glastonbury hosts a huge contemporary music event. Glastonbury Festival is the largest 'greenfield' festival in the world (past performers have included *Coldplay*, *Radiohead*, *The Red Hot Chili Peppers* and *Franz Ferdinand*). As well as having some of the best contemporary pop, rock, folk and jazz music, Glastonbury also supports charities such as *Oxfam*, *Fairtrade*, *WaterAid* and *Greenpeace*. There are also talks on alternative medicine and displays of environmentally friendly products and techniques.



Eisteddfod

Eisteddfod, a celebration of Welsh music and poetry, is the biggest cultural event in Wales and it takes place in the first week of August. There are competitions for all the best singers, choirs and poets. The *Gorsedd of the Bards*, an association of the best poets, writers, musicians and artists in Wales, selects the winners. The members of the Gorsedd are called druids and they wear long colourful robes. All the events are in Welsh, but there are headphones with English-language translations for anyone who doesn't understand Welsh!



4 Read the article and answer the following questions.

- When does the Notting Hill Carnival take place?
- How many people usually attend this festival?
- When does Glastonbury host its music event?
- Which charities does this festival support?
- What is Eisteddfod?
- Are the events at Eisteddfod in English?

5 Read the article again and match the words below to their definitions.

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| 1 choir | a fabulous | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 display | b long clothes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 druid | c group of singers (usually in a church) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 floats | d a table showing different things | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 greenfield | e pagan priest | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 robes | f decorated lorries in parades | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 fab | g in the open countryside | <input type="checkbox"/> |