



Look at the pictures and the headings. Choose the correct answers about the text.

1 This text is a festival.

The text is an advert for a festival.

2 The festival is mostly about

The festival is mostly about culture.

3 The festival is in

The festival is in the summer.

4 The festival is in

The festival is in the countryside.

The Hay Festival

What is the festival about?

Where is it?

What can I do?

How do I get to Hay-on-Wye?



Your score is 0/4

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In May and June.

2. What is the population of Hay-on-Wye?

Around 1,500.

3. Where is the festival?

In Wales.

4. How many visitors come?

Around 80,000.

5. When do the events start?

At 9 am.

6. When do the events finish?

At 10 pm.

7. How can I get there from Hereford?

By bus.

8. How can I get there from the university?

By coach.

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Where is it?

The Festival takes place in Hay-on-Wye, a small town with a population of 1,500. The town is in Wales, near the English border on the River Wye, near the Black Mountains – an area of great

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Read the article again. Choose true or false for the statements.

1 The Hay Festival is the only celebration like this in the UK. ✖

- ☐ True
☐ False

True

2 The festival is mostly about books and writing. ✖

- ☐ True
☐ False

True

3 Hay-on-Wye is the most interesting town in the UK. ✖

- ☐ True
☐ False

False

4 Lots of people will be at the festival. ✖

- ☐ True
☐ False

True

5 It is easy to find somewhere to sleep during the Festival. ✖

- ☐ True
☐ False

False

6 You can try lots of different food and drink. ✖

- ☐ True
☐ False

True

7 You don't need to buy coach tickets quickly. ✖

- ☐ True
☐ False

False

The Hay Festival

Come and celebrate an amazing festival with us this summer – the perfect way to take a break from studying!

What is the festival about?

The Hay Festival is a unique celebration of literature in one of the most interesting small towns in the UK. It takes place over 10 days every summer in May to June, and thousands of people visit to see famous writers from all around the world giving talks on everything from the environment, to politics, to comedy.

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Correct the spelling of the underlined words.

1 I am on holiday in August.

Start again

I am on holiday in **August**.

2 New Year's Day is on January 1st.

Start again

New Year's Day is on **January 1st**.

3 I will stay at home on Wenesday.

Start again

I will stay at home on **Wednesday**.

4 In my country, the first Munday in September is always a national holiday.

Start again

In my country, the first **Monday** in September is always a national holiday.

5 My birthday is on Jully 1st.

Start again

My birthday is on **July 1st**.

6 The festival takes place in Febrary.

Start again

The festival takes place in **February**.

Your score is 0/6.

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OK

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UNLOCK READING & WRITING SKILLS 2

Help

UNIT 2: Festivals and celebrations Exercise 5: Prepositions of time and place

Read about three people's favourite festival. Write *in*, *on* or *at* in the gaps.

- 1 **CHIE** I live ☒ Narita – this is a small town near Tokyo. It is usually a quiet place, but every year, ☒ January, it becomes very busy, when 3 million people come to visit the temple here and celebrate the New Year. For many festivals, people often stay ☒ home or visit their families. But New Year is different – millions of people go out to visit a temple. Then ☒ midnight, temple bells ring across the country. A lot of people also stay and watch the sun rise ☒ the morning.

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OK

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Place

the library my country a town work Turkey

1 I was born in called Amasra, in central near the Black Sea.

I was born in a town called Amasra, in central Turkey, near the Black Sea.

2 I work at , and I usually go to bed at in .

I work at night, and I usually go to bed at 9 o'clock in the morning.

3 On , I go to lectures, but on I usually study in .

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, I go to lectures, but on other days I usually study in the library.

4 My father's birthday is on .

My father's birthday is on August 16th.

5 In , New Year is one of the biggest festivals.

In my country, New Year is one of the biggest festivals.

6 I spend too much time at - I don't see enough of my family.

I spend too much time at work - I don't see enough of my family.

Your score is 0/11.

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OK

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Start again

People sometimes wear traditional clothes at festivals.

- 2 We go somewhere for the holidays, but this year we didn't. (often)

Start again

We often go somewhere for the holidays, but this year we didn't.

- 3 He remembers my birthday! (never)

Start again

He never remembers my birthday!

- 4 When people get older, they stop celebrating their birthday. (often)

Start again

When people get older, they often stop celebrating their birthday.

- 5 I don't like crowded places, so I go to festivals. (never)

Start again

I don't like crowded places, so I never go to festivals.

- 6 My husband doesn't usually like cooking, but he makes something special when it's a holiday. (sometimes)

Start again

My husband doesn't usually like cooking, but he sometimes makes something special when it's a holiday.

- 7 We have a young baby, so in the evenings we stay at home. (usually)

Start again

We have a young baby, so in the evenings we usually stay at home.

Your score is 0/7.

Try again

OK

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Bahar says:

Festivals are important. They bring people together and give us the chance to remember the past and make plans for the future. Festivals help us to understand our culture more. **Children are happy** when they celebrate something.

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We have busy lives, so **festivals are a time** to stop and relax. We can spend time with our families and friends, and **we forget our problems**. Imagine life with no holidays – it would be terrible!

Your score is 0/6

Try again

OK

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Start again

We celebrate national holidays.

4 I always visit on Sundays.

I always visit my family on Sundays.

5 We watch at the carnival.

We watch the parade at the carnival.

6 The music festival is always .

The music festival is always in July.

7 He always goes .

He always goes to the festival.

8 In Chinese culture, the colour red is .

In Chinese culture, the colour red is lucky.

9 I clean at the weekend.

I clean my house at the weekend.

10 I always have for my birthday.

I always have a party for my birthday.

Your score is 0/10.

Try again

OK

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Start again



UNLOCK READING & WRITING SKILLS 2

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UNIT 2: Festivals and celebrations Exercise 10: Prepositional phrases

Put the words in the correct order.

- 1 Is Mardi Gras in New Orleans, in the USA, the biggest festival . ❌

In New Orleans, in the USA, the biggest festival is Mardi Gras.

- 2 With a big firework display on Saturday the festival finishes . ❌

The festival finishes with a big firework display on Saturday.

- 3 Very crowded here It's usually in the summer . ❌

It's usually very crowded here in the summer.

- 4 In June, the Glastonbury music festival we're going to . ❌

In June, we're going to the Glastonbury music festival.

- 5 At the carnival traditional costumes you can see . ❌

You can see traditional costumes at the carnival.

- 6 Beautiful festivals the Venice Carnival in the world

is one of the most . ❌

The Venice Carnival is one of the most beautiful festivals in the world.

- 7 Spend at home most people New Year's Eve usually . ❌

Most people usually spend New Year's Eve at home.

- 8 At 6 pm at 10 am starts and finishes the festival . ❌

The festival starts at 10 am and finishes at 6 pm.



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The festival starts at 10 am and finishes at 6 pm

At street stalls, you can buy interesting food from around the world

Chinese New Year takes place in January or February every year.

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Start again