Vocabulary activities
Words related to festivals

CEFR Levels B1/B2

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1. Mixed letters

A really fun way to review vocabulary at the end of the lesson or the week is to mix up the letters of each word. Write a word on the board. The students then race to identify the vocabulary.

- carnival
- celebration
- ceremony
- costume
- culture
- custom
- decoration
- event
- firework

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- racdetoion
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- ifework

- gather
- historical
- hold
- origin
- parade
- religious
- season
- traditional
- wrap

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2. Cards for games

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3. Crossword

Across
1. Connected with events or people in the past (10)
4. One of the four periods of the year: spring, summer, autumn or winter (6)
7. A way of behaving which has been established for a long time (6)
8. Where something begins or comes from (6)
11. A party, dance, meeting, etc., that has been organised for a particular time (5)
12. A special social event, such as a party, organised because something special has happened or is going to happen (11)
13. A line of people that moves through a public place on a special occasion (6)
14. A small object that explodes to produce a loud noise and bright colours (8)
17. Relating to religion (9)

Down
2. A formal event that is performed on important social or religious occasions (8)
3. Following the ways of behaving that have continued in a group of people or society for a long time (11)
5. A public celebration where people wear special clothes, and dance and play music in the streets (8)
6. The way of life of a group of people, including their language, beliefs, values, arts and symbols (7)
9. Something that you put on something to make it look attractive or special (10)
10. To join other people somewhere to make a group, or to bring people together into a group (6)
12. The set of clothes typical of a particular country or period of history (7)
15. To cover or surround something with paper, cloth or other material (4)
16. To organise an event (4)
Crossword – solution

Across  
1. HISTORICAL  
4. SEASON  
7. CUSTOM  
8. ORIGIN  
11. EVENT  
12. CELEBRATION  
13. PARADE  
14. FIREWORK  
17. RELIGIOUS  

Down  
2. CEREMONY  
3. TRADITIONAL  
5. CARNIVAL  
6. CULTURE  
9. DECORATION  
10. GATHER  
12. COSTUME  
15. WRAP  
16. HOLD
4. Mixed sentences

Rearrange the words to make complete sentences.

1. carnival / Rio / has / famous / the / most / in / the / world.
2. festival / when / the / starts / people / square / gather / in / the / town.
3. we / have / and / parties / other / throughout / festival / celebrations / the.
4. some / of / ceremonies / the / religious / festivals / in / our / are / very / old.
5. our / festival / annual / lets / us / visitors / show / our / local / culture.
6. you / learn / can / about / the / origin / the / of / museum / the / festival / at / local.
7. in / festival / our / summer / it / visit / a / custom / is / to / our / friends.
8. in / November / I / a / course / how / learn / to / joined / to / Christmas / make / decorations.
9. over / thousand / two / people / part / took / in / the / event.
10. when / it / dark / gets / set / we / the / off / fireworks.
11. our / festivals / us / help / to / historical / remember / famous / events.
12. the / during / festival / hold / we / huge / a / open / air / concert.
13. there / are / traditional / many / which / recipes / special / use / to / make / people / food.
14. the / starts / festival / with / opening / parade / an / where / walk / people / the / streets / through.
15. festivals / with / religious / a / are / meaning / important / very / in / our / country.
16. we / have / four / festivals / one / in / of / the / each / seasons / four.
17. the / dancers / in / festival / traditional / wore / the / costume.
18. she / wrapped / present / the / tied / and / it / ribbon / with.
Mixed sentences – key

1. Rio has the most famous carnival in the world.
2. When the festival starts, people gather in the town square.
3. We have parties and other celebrations throughout the festival.
4. Some of the religious ceremonies in our festivals are very old.
5. Our annual festival lets us show visitors our local culture.
6. You can learn about the origin of the festival at the local museum.
7. In our summer festival it is a custom to visit our friends.
8. In November I joined a course to learn how to make Christmas decorations.
9. Over two thousand people took part in the event.
10. When it gets dark we set off the fireworks.
11. Our festivals help us to remember famous historical events.
12. During the festival, we hold a huge open air concert.
13. There are many traditional recipes which people use to make special food.
14. The festival starts with an opening parade where people walk through the streets.
15. Festivals with a religious meaning are very important in our country.
16. We have four festivals, one in each of the four seasons.
17. The dancers in the festival wore traditional costume.
18. She wrapped the present and tied it with ribbon.
5. Wordsearch – festival words

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Can you find these exam words in the puzzle?

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Wordsearch – solution

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6. Gap-fill sentences – festival words

These can be used with a wordsearch, crossword, another exercise or just on their own.

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2. When the festival starts, people __________ in the town square.
3. We have parties and other __________ throughout the festival.
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5. Our annual festival lets us show visitors our local __________.
6. You can learn about the __________ of the festival at the local museum.
7. In our summer festival it is a __________ to visit our friends.
8. In November I joined a course to learn how to make Christmas __________.
9. Over two thousand people took part in the __________.
10. When it gets dark we set off the __________.
11. Our festivals help us to remember famous __________ events.
12. During the festival, we __________ a huge open air concert.
13. There are many traditional __________ which people use to make special food.
14. The festival starts with an opening __________ where people walk through the streets.
15. Festivals with a __________ meaning are very important in our country.
16. We have four festivals, one in each of the four __________.
17. The dancers in the festival wore traditional __________.
18. She __________ the present and tied it with ribbon.
Gap-fill sentences – key

1. Rio has the most famous **carnival** in the world.
2. When the festival starts, people **gather** in the town square.
3. We have parties and other **celebrations** throughout the festival.
4. Some of the religious **ceremonies** in our festivals are very old.
5. Our annual festival lets us show visitors our local **culture**.
6. You can learn about the **origin** of the festival at the local museum.
7. In our summer festival it is a **custom** to visit our friends.
8. In November I joined a course to learn how to make Christmas **decorations**.
9. Over two thousand people took part in the **event**.
10. When it gets dark we set off the **fireworks**.
11. Our festivals help us to remember famous **historical** events.
12. During the festival, we **hold** a huge open air concert.
13. There are many traditional **recipes** which people use to make special food.
14. The festival starts with an opening **parade** where people walk through the streets.
15. Festivals with a **religious** meaning are very important in our country.
16. We have four festivals, one in each of the four **seasons**.
17. The dancers in the festival wore traditional **costume**.
18. She **wrapped** the present and tied it with ribbon.