

It Was a Blast!

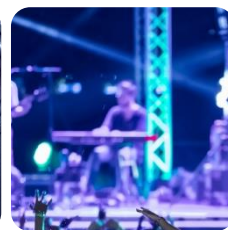
Festivals & Holidays

Introduction: What festival do you think the paragraph below talks about?

This festival is unique. It is world-famous for its masks, which are incredible! They are beautifully detailed. Generally, the masks can be made of leather, porcelain, or a special type of glass. One traditional type of mask is hand-painted with gold paint. Some of them are quite sinister; for example, the Plague Doctor represents seventeenth-century doctors who wore scary masks with long beaks.

The festival has a long tradition which dates back to Roman times. Today, people wear **costumes**, play **live music**, walk in **parades**, watch theatre **performances**, and **celebrate** in the streets.

Vocabulary Builder: Match the pictures below with the vocabulary.



crowd
loudspeaker
masks
tent

sparkler
confetti
fireworks
show

balloons
barbecue
lights
face paint



Expression: Decide if the following refer to **positive**, **neutral**, or **negative** experiences.

- it was **great fun** · it could have been better · it was **awesome** · I got **covered in mud**; I hated it ·
- I loved the **costumes** · the experience was horrible · it wasn't bad, I guess · I had the **time of my life** ·
- I'm definitely going back next year · the city **stank** · the **atmosphere** was amazing · I hated every second ·
- it was okay, but I wouldn't **rush back** · I had a **great time** · I really enjoyed it · it wasn't **anything special** ·
- it was a bit **dull** · I **partied** the night away · I've been to funerals that were more exciting · it was a **blast** ·

Speaking: Think of a well-known event or festival that you have attended...

...and, without saying which festival it was, describe it. Your classmates will have to guess what festival you are talking about.

Once someone has guessed what festival you are talking about, give them the opportunity to ask you a few more questions about it.