

# Carnivals Around the World

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## 1. Read

It's carnival time! Singing, dancing and *dressing-up*. We do all of these things at Carnival in Italy. Lots of tourists visit Venice at carnival time. They like to see the elaborate masks and watch the *locals* walk along the canals. But people celebrate carnival in lots of countries. So where are the best carnivals in the world? Well, obviously, Italy, but Brazil, America and Trinidad and Tobago also organise famous street parties at this time of year. In Rio de Janeiro, people wear bright costumes with *feathers* in their hair and dance the samba; in New Orleans, the people on the *floats* throw *beads* to the watching crowds and in Trinidad and Tobago, they play *steelpans* to produce vibrant music that everyone dances to. One thing that all carnivals have in common is colour and noise and fun!

### Glossary

**dressing-up:** mettere costumi

**locals:** gli abitanti della zona

**feathers:** piume

**floats:** carri da parata

**beads:** collane di perline

**steelpans:** strumento metallico a percussione

## 2. Underline all the adjectives in the text

## 3. Answer this question

Which countries have famous carnivals?

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**4. Write a postcard to a friend**

You are in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Describe the carnival. Use these prompts plus the adjectives from exercise 2 to help you.

Dear.....(name of friend)

Carnival in Brazil is (choose adjectives).....

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Love,

.....(your name)

## Teacher's Notes

2. It's carnival time! Singing, dancing and *dress-up*. We do all of these things at Carnival in Italy. Lots of tourists visit Venice at carnival time. They like to see the elaborate masks and watch the *locals* walk along the canals. But people celebrate carnival in lots of countries. So where are the best carnivals in the world? Well, obviously, Italy, but Brazil, America and Trinidad and Tobago also organise famous street parties at this time of year. In Rio de Janeiro, people wear bright costumes with *feathers* in their hair and dance the samba; in New Orleans, the people on the *floats* throw *beads* to the watching crowds and in Trinidad and Tobago, they play *steelbands* to produce vibrant music that everyone dances to. One thing that all carnivals have in common is colour and noise and fun!

3. Italy, Brazil, America and Trinidad and Tobago.

4. Sample answer

*Dear Anna,*

*Carnival in Brazil is great! There are lots of people on the floats. They dress-up in bright, elaborate costumes, with feathers in their hair. The music is very vibrant and I love the samba!*

*Love,*

*Jules x*