

Listening: Notting Hill Carnival



→ Read the following text about the Notting Hill Carnival.

Notting Hill Carnival is the biggest street festival in London. It is an annual event which takes place on the streets in Notting Hill.

Every year in August the Streets in Notting Hill are filled with parades, dancing, music, food and plenty of fun. The festival is very much influenced by the Caribbean culture so steel bands, samba, soca and calypso belong to this event.

Many people are every year attracted to this peaceful carnival.

→ Listen to the interview about Notting Hill Carnival.

In what order did you hear the sentences below? Number them!

SOLUTION

6. Nowadays, about 2 million people go every year to see the procession.
4. It is very colourful and full of music.
2. It is one of the most exciting times to be in London.
3. There is a procession.
1. It takes place every year on the August bank holiday.
7. Down the side-streets, you can find all sorts of Caribbean based food.
5. It originated about 50 years ago.

→ Discuss with your partner:

What are the differences between "Fasnacht" and Notting Hill Carnival? What do they have in common?

These are some possible answers.

Fasnacht	Notting Hill Carnival
February	August
Derives from the middle Ages	Originated about 50 years ago.
"Schenkeli", "Fasnachtschüechli",...	Caribbean based food
on the streets / full of music / colourful	on the streets / full of music / colourful
...	...