

Notting Hill

PART 1 – Ashlie & Stephen

Ex. 1 Watch two short films about Ashlie and Stephen preparing for the Notting Hill Carnival. Prepare to talk about what happened during their stay. In order to make your speech more organized, feel free to use the questions below.

Notting Hill – Scene 1

Link to the video: <https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/notting-hill/notting-hill-scene-1>

1. Where were Ashlie and Stephen this time?
2. What were they preparing for?
3. Who did Ashlie meet with? What was that girl doing and why?
4. What was Stephen helping Ashlie with?
5. How was Stephen dealing with dancing? Was he having fun?
6. What do you think about Ashlie and Stephen's costumes?

Notting Hill – Scene 2

Link to the video: <https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/notting-hill/notting-hill-scene-2>

1. What is Notting Hill Carnival?
2. Why did Ashlie and Stephen split up?
3. Who did Ashlie meet this time?
4. Did Stephen have troubles with finding Ashlie?
5. What do you think of Ashlie's dance?
6. What are Ashlie and Stephen doing after the parade?
7. Why couldn't they take a taxi or the underground?

PART 2 – Multicultural Britain

Ex. 2 Watch the video and prepare answers to the questions below.

Link to the video: <http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/notting-hill/multicultural-britain>

1. What is Southall Broadway famous for?
2. Why is Britain multicultural? What are the advantages and disadvantages of it?
3. Who were the first immigrants in Britain?
4. What did Avinda and Sunny say about their experience of living in the UK?
5. What is so special about St Mary's School in Cardiff?
6. What is 'Open Cities' project?
7. Who is Derek? What does he do?
8. What does Mercy's photo show?

PART 3 – VOCABULARY

Prepositions

Ex. 3.1 Complete the sentences with appropriate prepositions.

1. Would you like to take part _____ our meeting?
2. I'd love to pick _____ some dance moves.
3. Anna is _____ search _____ work.
4. Aggressive behaviour can lead _____ violence in some cases.
5. Don't worry, I'll catch you _____ in a minute.
6. Many people living in Britain originally come _____ overseas.
7. You look great _____ that dress!
8. Let's go! The parade is _____ to start.
9. There will be a prize _____ the best carnival dancers.
10. Your finger is glued _____ my hat!
11. Can you help me _____ my luggage, please?
12. I'm working _____ a difficult project so please do not disturb me.
13. We're going to take pictures _____ some monuments in the old town.
14. What were you doing _____ the camp?
15. I'm really looking forward _____ going on holiday.
16. I've been really busy _____ creating a new portfolio for one of our key accounts.
17. That carnival is amazing! Let's have a look _____.
18. Today we're _____ the Notting Hill Carnival.
19. Is there any hope _____ the future?
20. A wave _____ immigrants came to Britain in the past.
21. The third man at the table did not join _____.
22. Immigrants arrived _____ ship from Jamaica in 1948.
23. She took lots of photos _____ the kids.
24. We got to the station just _____ time _____ our train.
25. Maria was so involved _____ her work that she didn't hear me come in.
26. They can say something positive _____ migration and integration.
27. His actions led _____ a disaster.
28. Stephen wanted to pick _____ some dance moves.
29. I'll catch you _____ in a minute.
30. Shall we split _____ or go together?
31. When does the parade set _____?
32. Hang _____ ! I need to check if I have my cash on me.
33. Have you settled _____ in your new house yet?
34. What do you want to be when you grow _____?

Phrasal Verbs

Ex. 3.2 Find synonyms for the given phrasal verbs. Match the words from column A with column B.

Column A

1. pick up
2. come on
3. set off
4. catch up
5. look forward to (doing something)
6. hang on
7. grow up
8. split up

Column B

- a) wait
- b) start
- c) break up
- d) anticipate, can't wait to do something
- e) learn
- f) become an adult gradually
- g) get a move on
- h) reach someone by going faster

Ex. 3.3 Fill in the gaps with suitable phrasal verbs in correct forms from Ex. 3.2.

1. _____! We have to hurry up if we want to be on time.
2. Anne and Peter _____ two months ago. It's hard to believe it because they were such a lovely couple.
3. Sheila _____ seeing her friends in July.
4. When I _____, I will become a firefighter.
5. I'm going to Spain next month and I hope I will _____ some Spanish.
6. What time are we _____ tomorrow?
7. _____ for a while, I need to go to the toilet.
8. Go on, I will _____ you _____ later.

Word formation

Ex. 3.4 Complete the sentences below by forming a word from the word given in brackets.

1. In some western countries there are _____ (CULTURE) societies consisting of different nationalities.
2. In our shop there is a _____ (VARIOUS) of different clothes.
3. Many _____ (REFUGE) had to leave their houses and flee.
4. Conflicts and arguments might _____ (RISE) between cultures.
5. This club is such a _____ (VIBE) place full of people all the time.
6. The United States of America is an _____ (ENTHINC) diverse country.
7. Your opinion is _____ (SIGNIFY) for me.
8. You did it _____ (BRILLIANT)! I was impressed.
9. We are facing tough _____ (COMPETE) right now.
10. She is a _____ (GLAMOUR) woman. You must meet her.

Synonyms

Ex. 3.5 Find synonyms for the given words. Match the words from column A with column B.

Column A

1. elaborate
2. compete
3. fabulous (*clothes*)
4. community
5. reflect (*the multicultural nature of Britain*)
6. (*cultural*) variety
7. vibrant (*place*)
8. arise (*e.g. conflicts can arise*)
9. deliberate
10. violence

Column B

- a) rival
- b) fellowship
- c) diversity
- d) lively
- e) intentional, conscious
- f) threatening behaviour
- g) complicated
- h) fantastic, terrific
- i) come up, happen
- j) mirror

Ex. 3.6 Fill in the gaps with suitable words and expression from Ex. 3.5 from Column A.

1. He is a member of a Christian
2. If any complications, let me know and I'll help.
3. There are two high schools in my town which constantly with each other.
4. It was a act. He didn't show up at the party because he had his reasons.
5. There's zero tolerance for in our school.
6. You want a plain blouse to go with that skirt - nothing too
7. The statistics a change in people's spending habits.
8. She looked absolutely in her dress.
9. What makes nature so beautiful is its
10. The hope is that this area will develop into a commercial centre.

PART 4 – Speaking

Ex. 4 Discuss the following questions with your partner.

1. Do you like going to carnivals?
2. What sorts of costumes do you expect to see at the carnival?
3. Have you ever had to learn how to dance?
4. Is it easy to lose a friend at a big event?
5. What is your opinion about the Notting Hill Carnival? Would you like to take part in it?
6. Have you ever visited or lived somewhere with a different culture?
7. How multicultural is the place where you live?
8. Would you like to live in a multicultural country?
9. Is there more immigration to or emigration from your country?
10. What are the positive and negative effects of immigration?
11. What are the advantages and disadvantages of different cultures in one country?

Useful words & expressions:

- to do something brilliantly = superbly = amazingly
- glamorous = dazzling
- to take the underground / bus / taxi etc. = to go by underground = to go on the underground
- pollination
- to have a look around
- It took me ages to find you.
- The parade is about to start.
- to get lost
- They made Britain their home.
- a refugee
- a generation
- an argument = a dispute = a row
- spices
- to get a taste of the world (within this small community)
- to look smart = to look elegant, neat