Carnival Lesson Plan

Learning Objectives: To practise speaking about carnivals and celebrations.

Preparation Time: 5 minutes

Completion Time: 60 minutes

Skill: Speaking

Age/Level: Adults/Intermediate–Upper

Intermediate

Resources: Carnival Worksheet, Carnival Worksheet Key, Carnival Report

Warm-Up (5 minutes)

- Tell students August is the month of the largest festival celebration of its kind in Europe. Do you know what it is?
- Get ideas.
- Then tell them It's the Notting Hill Carnival.
- Find out if anyone knows anything about it.

Reading and Speaking Practice (25 minutes)

- Tell the class they are going to read about the Carnival. Give out Carnival Worksheet, and ask them to complete the text and questions.
- Check their answers with Carnival Worksheet Key.
- Put the class into small groups to discuss any carnivals or celebrations like this that they have been to, participated in, or know of.
- Conduct feedback, encouraging students to share their experiences.

Answer Key:

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(1) celebration a revellers
(2) street festival b lengthy roots
(3) costumes c abolition
(4) community d different corners of the world
(5) Caribbean e legendary
(6) competition f wash it down with
(7) steel bands
(8) curries
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Speaking Practice (20 minutes)
- Now put the students into pairs and label them A and B.
- Carry out Carnival Report.
- Allow five minutes or so for the reporters to prepare questions (monitor the students and check them) and for the carnival participants to make notes about what they want to say.
- Ask the pairs to act out their role plays.

Error Correction and Feedback (5 minutes)
- Give the class feedback on their speaking during the class.
- Praise good points and give assistance with any common errors.

Closure (5 minutes)
- Ask for one or two pairs of ‘volunteers’ to perform their role plays for the class.
  (Choose any particularly interesting or amusing role plays.)