



OKTOBERFEST (GERMANY)



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Before You Read

Discuss with a partner.

1. Have you ever visited a large festival?
2. Why do people enjoy traditional celebrations?
3. Would you like to visit Germany? Why or why not?

Reading

Oktoberfest – Germany's World-Famous Festival

Oktoberfest is one of the world's largest and most famous festivals. It takes place every year in **Munich, Germany**, and attracts millions of visitors from around the world.

The festival began in **1810** as a celebration of a royal wedding. Over the years, it grew into an annual event that celebrates Bavarian culture and traditions.

Visitors enjoy traditional music, colourful parades, delicious food, amusement rides, and folk dancing. Many people wear traditional Bavarian clothing, such as **lederhosen** for men and **dirndls** for women.

Although Oktoberfest is often associated with beer, it is also a family-friendly event with activities for children, concerts, games, and cultural performances. Many visitors come simply to experience the lively atmosphere and learn more about German traditions.

Today, Oktoberfest is celebrated in many countries, but the festival in Munich remains the largest and most famous.

Vocabulary in Context

Match the words.

Word	Meaning
attract	a public procession with music and costumes
tradition	the feeling or mood of a place
parade	happening every year
atmosphere	to bring people to a place
folk	a custom followed for many years
annual	relating to traditional culture

Reading Comprehension

1. Where is Oktoberfest held?
2. When did the festival begin?
3. Why was Oktoberfest first celebrated?
4. What traditional clothes do people wear?
5. Why do people visit Oktoberfest?
6. Why is Munich's festival special?

True or False?

1. Oktoberfest started in 1810.
2. The festival is only about food.
3. Millions of people visit every year.
4. Traditional clothing is popular.
5. Oktoberfest is celebrated only in Germany.

Discussion

1. Would you like to visit Oktoberfest?
2. Which activity sounds the most interesting?
3. Why do countries celebrate traditional festivals?
4. What festival in your country attracts visitors?

Fast Finisher

Describe Oktoberfest using **five adjectives**.

Example:

traditional • lively...

Teacher Key

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