

1 (Elicit from Ss what sort of information might be included in a description of a festival, event or celebration, and help individual Ss to describe one they have attended. Explain that they are now going to listen to a description of a festival. Read the table aloud and explain/ elicit the meanings of any unknown words. Then, Ss do the listening activity. Check Ss' answers around the class. Finally, ask individual Ss to describe the event.)

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| Name of festival: | La Mercé festival <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Sardana festival <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Time: | at the end of the year <input type="checkbox"/> | at the end of September <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Reason: | to celebrate the patron saint of Barcelona <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | to celebrate the end of summer <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Preparations: | costumes made <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> musicians practise <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Spanish food prepared <input type="checkbox"/> streets decorated <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Actual event: | sports events <input type="checkbox"/> people dancing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> lots of parades <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | people dress up <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> acrobats perform tricks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> firework display <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Comments: | very disappointing <input type="checkbox"/> | spectacular <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

2 (Present the theory and the paragraph plan, then explain/ elicit the meanings of any unknown words in the rubric. Help Ss to identify the key words to be underlined and elicit suitable answers to the questions.)

a) **Key words:** travel magazine – descriptions – annual events – their country – you have attended – preparations – events on the actual day

- 1 A, C – because the rubric asks for a description of an **annual** event in **your** country.
- 2 B ✓ C ✓
- 3 mainly past tenses, because you are describing an **annual** event **you have attended**.

b) (For questions 1 - 4, complete the task orally with the class. Then, ask individual Ss around the class to answer question 5.)

- 1 A 3 B 5 (Ss' own answers)
2 A 4 A, C, E, F

c) (Allow Ss about 4 mins. to skim the text and complete the task. Check Ss' answers. Explain/ Elicit the meanings of any unknown words in the text, then ask individual Ss to read the completed text aloud.)

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| 2 is usually held | 9 practised |
| 3 continues | 10 were dressed |
| 4 arrived | 11 decided |
| 5 had been put up | 12 stood up |
| 6 had been placed | 13 waved |
| 7 had been set up | 14 rushed |
| 8 served | 15 exploded |

Para 1: name, place/time, reason
Para 2: preparations
Para 3: description of actual event
Para 4: feelings, comments, final thoughts

d) (Write the headings on the board and elicit suitable points from Ss to complete the table on the board. Individual Ss use the notes to talk about the Regatta and then copy the table into their books.)

Para 1

- Royal Regatta • Henley • end of June
- teams of rowers compete for prizes

Para 2

- grandstands put up • deckchairs placed along river • tents set up • food/drinks served
- rowers practise

Para 3

- spectators watched races, had picnics
- during final, crowd cheered and waved
- firework display

ANSWERS

Para 4

- sad event was over • it would be fun to take part in races

- 3 a) A 1 various 4 scary
2 colourful 5 well-known
3 creative 6 hand-carved
B 1 disappointed 2 poor 3 dim
C 1 glittering 2 Glamorous 3 lucky

- b) A = main body
B = conclusion
C = introduction

4 (Ss do the exercise orally, then assign it as written HW.)

A ... Children make an effigy of Guy and buy fireworks with their pocket money. Big bonfires **are built** in gardens or at organised sites. In the evening, spectacular fireworks **are let off** and everyone eats baked potatoes. At the end of the evening, the effigy of Guy **is burnt**.

B The latest computers **are displayed** in a large hall and companies give away a lot of free software. Full-length feature films **are shown** in the auditorium. Everyone usually enjoys the event immensely.

5 (Allow Ss three mins to skim the extracts and complete the task. Check Ss' answers round the class.)

(Suggested answers)

- 1 B—a past event
The writer felt happy because all the effort was worthwhile.

2 C—an annual event

The writer feels that St Valentine's Day is a day for romantic people of all ages.

3 A—a past event

The writer felt exhausted but delighted that the party had been a success.