

Read UK: Edinburgh summer festivals – exercises

Do the preparation task first. Then read the article about Edinburgh Summer Festivals and do the exercises.

Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–f next to the numbers 1–6.

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| 1..... jazz and blues | a. a special day or days with fun things to see and do |
| 2..... to take place | b. to sing, dance, act or do something else with people watching you |
| 3..... a tattoo | c. (for an event) to happen; to be organised |
| 4..... to perform | d. related to soldiers and the army |
| 5..... a festival | e. two styles of music |
| 6..... military | f. a show by soldiers with music and marching |

1. Check your understanding: matching

Which festival would these people like to go to? Match the festivals to the speakers and write a–f next to the numbers 1–6.

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| 1..... | I like looking at pictures at exhibitions and I'm interested in clothes. | a. Book |
| 2..... | I like reading graphic novels and listening to stories. | b. Art |
| 3..... | I love comedy, but I don't want to buy a ticket for a show. | c. Military Tattoo |
| 4..... | I love watching plays and listening to opera music. | d. Jazz and Blues |
| 5..... | I want to watch a show with traditional Scottish music and dancing. | e. Fringe |
| 6..... | I want to watch some theatre in the street and dance. | f. International |

2. Check your vocabulary: gap fill

Fill the gaps with the correct verb phrase from the box.

take part	buy	includes	join in	visit	take place	listen to
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- You can _____ six festivals during the summer in Edinburgh.
- Most events at the International Festival _____ in theatres.
- The Edinburgh Art Festival _____ fashion shows and art exhibitions.
- Thousands of performers _____ in the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.
- You can _____ stories at the Book Festival.
- At the Jazz and Blues Festival you can _____ the carnival celebrations.
- You need to _____ a ticket to go to the Military Tattoo Festival at the castle.

3. Check your vocabulary: spelling

Complete the people nouns with the correct ending: *-er*, *-or*, *-ian* or *-ist*.

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| 1. act____ | 7. magic____ |
| 2. art____ | 8. music____ |
| 3. auth____ | 9. perform____ |
| 4. comed____ | 10. sing____ |
| 5. danc____ | 11. tour____ |
| 6. illustrat____ | |

Discussion

Which of Edinburgh's summer festivals would you most like to see?

Vocabulary Box

Write any new words you have learnt in this lesson.