



Have you ever heard of the Mardi Gras celebration

# Carnival

held  
every  
year  
in



New Orleans, Louisiana? Carnival is a similar celebration in Latin America, only bigger! Brazil has the largest and most famous carnival in the world. Do you know where Brazil is? Even though in Brazil they speak Portuguese, it is still considered a part of Latin America.

Carnival is a large party, which last fourteen days and is held before the Easter holiday. There are many parades with giant floats and masquerade parties with colorful costumes. The streets are filled with musicians and dancers-twenty-four hours a day!

A queen on the Carnival is elected every year too. You can barely sleep without earplugs for two weeks it is so loud! Carnival takes place in February or March and is a very fun occasion. Tourists from all over the world come to Brazil to celebrate with them.

Carnival has become a popular tradition in many countries. The city of Veracruz in Mexico, for example, has become a popular place to celebrate Carnival as well as the Canary Islands off the coast of Spain.

What is the longest party you have ever been to?

Do you think it is okay for a party to last fourteen days?

Do you know what a masquerade party is?