



Festival mix up

**"O'zapft is!"
Munich's
Oktoberfest is
fun for the
whole family**

For over 180 years, the Oktoberfest has been one of Germany's main tourist attractions. For five days in September or October, over six million visitors come to Munich, where they drink nearly six million liters of beer and eat 600,000 roast chickens. There are exciting rides, traditional bands, parades and, of course, plenty of beer. The Oktoberfest is one of Germany's richest traditions and you should visit it if you're near Bavaria in the fall.



**You won't
believe your
eyes and ears!**

The Fourth of July, Independence Day in the U. S., is a big holiday across the entire country. But at State College in Pennsylvania, you can see one of the few truly choreographed fireworks displays in the world – the fireworks are set to music. There's a full day of activities for the whole family including live bands, activities for the kids and even a giant birthday cake. The fireworks display, which takes forty minutes, starts at 9:40 p.m.



**The Battle of
Oppikoppi**

Do you like fighting and killing? Come to the LAN Fest in Oppikoppi, South Africa for a weekend of death, destruction ... and fun! All you need to bring is your computer with a Network card and a few games like Quake ii & iii and SOF installed and you're ready for war. Participants will set up their computers on Friday and the competition will begin on Saturday, with finals on Sunday. If you think you're good at computer games, come to Oppikoppi and test yourself against the best of the rest.



**Reggae
and food
donations
in Miami**

For over seven years, Miami, Florida has been host to the Bob Marley One Love Caribbean Festival. This festival is a day long celebration of music, crafts and art honoring the philosophy and life of Bob Marley, Jamaica's legendary reggae star. Some of the U.S. and Jamaica's top musical acts play at this festival. Since the beginning, the festival has made an effort to feed the hungry, collect canned food and make thousands of dollars for charity.



Unit 11C

Teacher's Notes



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Interaction

Group work

Aim

To practice reading and recognizing the present and past tenses.

Time

15–20 minutes

Skills

Reading
Speaking

Grammar and functions

Asking and answering about festivals and events

Vocabulary

General

Preparation

Photocopy the worksheet, one for each group of four students in the class. Cut apart the cards in each set and shuffle them.

Answers

The cards are in the correct order on the worksheet.

Procedure

- 1 Before beginning the activity, talk to the class about local festivals or events from the students' home towns or countries, e.g.
What happens at these festivals?
Why are they popular?
What kinds of food and drink are there?
- 2 Explain the activity.
 - Students should work in groups of three or four to sort through 12 cards.
 - Four cards contain headlines or titles. Four cards contain brief descriptions of different festivals from around the world and four cards have pictures of the festivals.
 - Students should work together to put the cards into four groups of three cards each. Each group should have a title, a description and a picture.
- 3 Ask students to form groups of three or four.
- 4 Distribute the cards.
- 5 Ask students to begin the activity.
- 6 Walk around the room giving help when it is needed.
- 7 When all the groups have finished, check their answers.
- 8 Students may ask what *O'zapft is!* means. It's German and it means *It's (the beer) been tapped*. It is said by the mayor of Munich when the first keg (barrel) of beer is opened on the first day of the festival.

Option

Ask students to remain in their groups and decide which festival they would enjoy visiting, giving reasons for their choice.

Additional ideas

Ask students to choose a festival they would like to visit and get them to write a short paragraph explaining why that festival interests them.