

February 13th, Mardi Gras

Reading – read the article to yourself and then aloud. Try not to insert filler words such as "um", "ah," "like". Read the article aloud multiple times to increase fluency.

Mardi Gras, French for "Fat Tuesday," is a vibrant carnival celebrated in many parts of the world, most famously in New Orleans, Louisiana. Its origins trace back to medieval Europe, where it was a time of feasting before the austerity of Lent. French settlers brought the tradition to America in the 17th century, blending it with local customs to create the lively festival we know today. Mardi Gras is a time of indulgence, marked by colorful parades, masquerade balls, and music. Revelers don masks and costumes, joining in the spirited processions through the streets. Over the years, Mardi Gras has evolved to encompass diverse cultural influences, becoming a symbol of community and resilience. Today, it continues to be a cherished tradition, drawing visitors from around the globe to join in the joyous festivities.



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Writing, spelling, & recall – Please read the questions and write the answers. You can refer to the article for help with recall and spelling as needed.

1. What is the meaning of "Mardi Gras"?

2. Where did the tradition of Mardi Gras originate?

3. What are some common activities during Mardi Gras celebrations?

4. How has Mardi Gras evolved over time?

5. Why is Mardi Gras significant in New Orleans?



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Sentence Completion & Naming to Description –

Please write the answer

1. Mardi Gras is French for _____ Tuesday.
2. People wear masks and costumes during Mardi Gras Masquerade _____.
3. During Mardi Gras, people walk in _____ through the streets.
4. Name the city in Louisiana famous for its Mardi Gras celebrations _____
5. What do revelers wear to participate in the spirit of Mardi Gras? _____



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* Word fluency challenge – Have you ever been to Mardi Gras, or to New Orleans? Have you seen it on TV or in movies? What are some things you might see during Mardi Gras in New Orleans? Challenge yourself to name at least 10 items!

You can use an alphabet board or even the internet to help with word-finding by typing the first letter(s) into your search engine.

You can also describe what you are thinking using Alexa, the microphone feature on a search engine, Microsoft Bing, or openai.com.



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Phonological Components Analysis – Please answer the following questions about the picture.

- What is this a picture of? _____
- What sound does the word start with?
- What are other words that begin with the same sound _____

- What sound does the word end with?
- How many syllables are in the word? _____
- Can you segment the word into its separate sounds?
- What words rhyme with the pictured item?



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Semantic Feature Analysis

<u>What is it used for?</u>	<u>What does it look like?</u>
<u>Where do you find it?</u>	<u>What does it remind you of?</u>
<u>What does it do?</u>	<u>What category does it fall under?</u>

What is the item? _____

