

## NOTTING HILL CARNIVAL

### *Student's worksheet*

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#### **I- Listen to the recording on this page (you will need an Internet connection)**

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/radio/specials/1446\\_entertainment/page62.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/radio/specials/1446_entertainment/page62.shtml)  
(click on the Audio button)

#### **II- Answer the following comprehension questions**

1- Where does the Notting Hill Carnival take place?

- in Trinidad                       in GB                       in Brazil

2- Who originated the Notting Hill Carnival?

- immigrants from the West Indies     Italian settlers from Venice     immigrants from Rio

3- When did these people arrive in this country?

- in the late 20s and 30s     in the late 40s and 50s     in the late 50s and 60s

4- What effect did the massive arrival of immigrants have on the population?

- they were were happy and welcoming  
 they were afraid and became violent  
 they were indifferent

5- What did the people of Notting Hill decide to do?

- they decided to write to the Queen.  
 they decided to have revenge  
 they decided to unite

6- Name 2 of the 3 main elements of Carnival?

7- Who is Tony?

- a Steel Band musician     a carnival dancer     a member of the organizing team

<http://cms.ac-martinique.fr/discipline/anglais>

8- In the word “Soca”, what does “SO” mean?

- calypso                       soul                       son

9- In the word “Soca”, what does “CA” stand for?

- carnival                       calypso                       California

10- What does one girl explain about her costume?

- it's quite uncomfortable, very heavy and tiring  
 it's very exciting to wear such a costume  
 she wears the same costume as last year

11- What words were not used in the recording?

- dance                       eat                       drink     party                       celebrate                       heavy  
 happy                       funny                       emigrants                       immigrants                       foreigners  
 Caribbean                       West-Indian                       tropical

### III- Match each word from the recording with its appropriate definition

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| multiculturalism ● | ● violent protest   |
| riot ●             | ● a social event of some kind   |
| function ●         | ● very tired  |
| promote ●          | ● the mix of people from different races, religions, traditions and languages |
| exhausted ●        | ● make something known and show it in a positive way                          |
| kick off ●         | ● the special clothes which people wear                                       |
| a costume ●        | ● begin   |