

Word on the Street

Live Music

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

Watch Amandeep's documentary about the Reading Music Festival. Which of these questions are answered in the documentary? Select six questions.

- How long is the Reading Festival and how many bands play there?
- What's the history of the festival?
- What kind of music do the band British Sea Power play?
- How did the band get started?
- What's the atmosphere like at a music festival?
- What should you bring with you if you come to the festival?
- How much does it cost to get tickets to the festival?
- Why do people come to the festival?
- What's it like to perform at the festival?

Activity 2

Can you remember the missing information in these sentences? Watch the documentary again and complete the sentences with the correct words and numbers.

The Reading festival lasts _____ days.

There are _____ acts and _____ stages.

British Sea Power's music is influenced by p_____, the English landscape and an indie r_____ sound.

Scott Wilkinson is a g_____ and v_____ in the band. Martin Noble plays the g_____ too.

If you come to the festival, you should bring a tent, a t_____, waterproof clothes, an u_____ and a pair of wellington boots.

The fans of the festival say they come there because of the music, f_____, atmosphere and the chance to meet n_____ p_____.

Activity 3

Use the correct words to complete Amandeep's introduction to her documentary. Then watch the video again to check.

guitarist / sound / show / open air /
crowds / backstage / music festival /
acts / tour bus / vocalist

It's the height of the _____ season here in the UK. Some of the biggest bands in the world are performing to huge _____ in the _____. This is Reading Festival where over three days more than 200 _____ are performing across eight stages.

I'm going to be following one of Britain's top bands, British Sea Power, as they prepare for their _____ tonight. Late in the afternoon, the band arrive _____

by _____.

British Sea Power have a very distinctive _____ . They mix the influences of poetry and the English landscape with an indie rock sound. I spoke to the band's _____ and _____, Scott Wilkinson.

Discussion

- Have you ever been to an outdoor music festival?
- What do you think people like about them?

Discuss these questions with another student or post a comment on the LearnEnglish website.

Answers

Activity 1

a) c) e) f) h) i)

Activity 2

The Reading festival lasts 3/three days. There are 200/two hundred acts and 8/eight stages.

British Sea Power's music is influenced by poetry, the English landscape and an indie rock sound.

Scott Wilkinson is a guitarist and vocalist in the band. Martin Noble plays the guitar too.

If you come to the festival, you should bring a tent, a torch, waterproof clothes, an umbrella and a pair of wellington boots.

The fans of the festival say they come there because of the music, friends, atmosphere and the chance to meet new people.

Activity 3

It's the height of the music festival season here in the UK. Some of the biggest bands in the world are performing to huge crowds in the open air. This is Reading Festival where over three days more than 200 acts are performing across eight stages.

I'm going to be following one of Britain's top bands, British Sea Power, as they prepare for their show tonight. Late in the afternoon, the band arrive backstage by tour bus.

British Sea Power have a very distinctive sound. They mix the influences of poetry and the English landscape with an indie rock sound. I spoke to the band's vocalist and guitarist, Scott Wilkinson.