

CULTURE AND TRADITIONS IN GERMANY



Match the German and English

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| 1. Karneval | lollipops |
| 2. Traditionen | children |
| 3. Köln | carnival |
| 4. Süßigkeiten | masks |
| 5. Lutscher | traditions |
| 6. Kostüme | Cologne |
| 7. Kinder | sweets |
| 8. Masken | costumes |

Answers

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Karneval / Fasching / Fastenacht

Carnival is a huge festival
across the whole of Germany.
Each area of Germany
celebrates in its own way.



The Meaning of the Names

Karneval comes from

Latin *carne levare* →

away with meat



Fasching comes from old German
fassen → to be wild and silly



The Origins of the Tradition





Carnival Season

Carnival season officially starts at 11 minutes past 11 on 11th November. This is when carnival clubs will get together to start planning their floats and costumes.



Carnival 2022

The main celebrations are in February or March, depending when Easter falls each year. This year, carnival was from Thursday 24th February to Wednesday 2nd March.



Weiberfastnacht

Carnival starts on the Thursday with *Weiberfastnacht*, when women take control and put the men in their place!



Weiberfastnacht

One of the strange German traditions on this day is for the ladies to chop off the men's ties!







At carnival time, children dress up in colourful costumes, have fun and sing songs.





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Kostüme

People often dress up as witches, wizards or clowns, and wear scary masks.



Another common theme for the carnival clubs is a kind of military uniform. This dates back to the time the parade started in 1823, after the French Emperor Napoleon was defeated in Europe and his troops left the Rhineland (in the west of Germany).



Napoleon
Bonaparte
(1769-1821)





Essen und Trinken

FOOD &
DRINK

At carnival time, bars stay open late for people to celebrate. There is also lots of delicious food for people to enjoy before Lent (the time before Easter when Christians traditionally fast).





Krapfen

YOU'VE BEEN
PRANKED



Ein grosser Umzug

Cologne (Köln) has the biggest carnival procession in the whole of Germany, with giant floats, marching bands and up to a million people.



On carnival day, around a million people line the main street in Cologne to watch the parade.

More than 11,000 people from local carnival clubs march in the 4-mile parade, which takes five hours to pass.



*Kölle
Alaaf*

"Long live
Cologne!"



KÖLLE ALAAF



*Kölle
Alaaf*



Making Fun of Politicians and People in the News (Satire)



Which international leaders
can you spot on this float
from Cologne Carnival?





From left to right:
British Prime Minister, Boris Johnson
Chinese President, Xi Jinping
Former US President, Donald Trump
Russian President, Vladimir Putin
North Korean leader, Kim Jong-Un













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Nubbelverbrennung

The Nubbel is a life-sized straw man, who hangs above the door of German bars and pubs at carnival time.



"Das Fliegerlied"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPpYHxaMIlw>



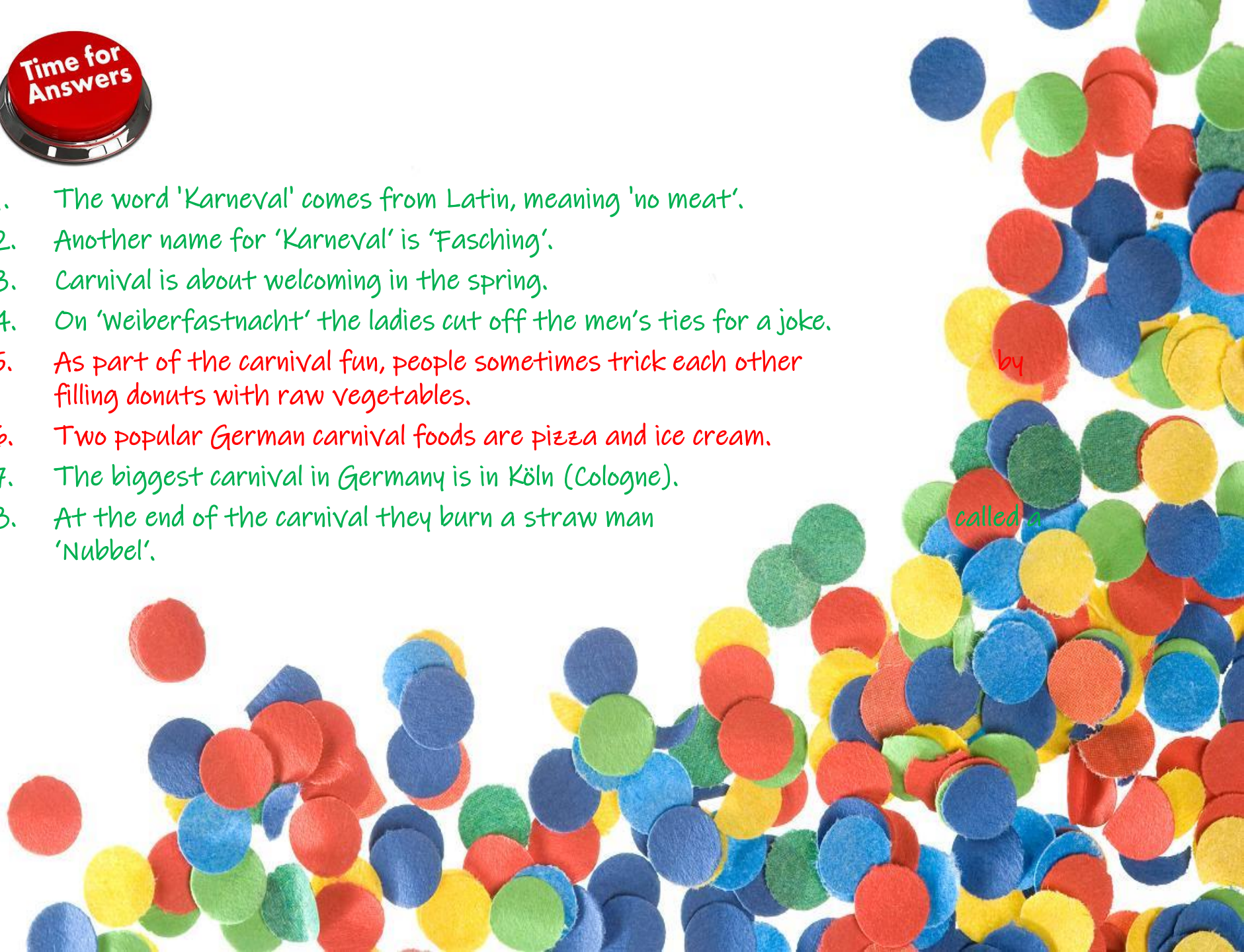
Here are eight English sentences. Only six of them are true!
Based on what you have learnt from the PowerPoint,
pick the six sentences that you think are correct.

1. The word 'Karneval' comes from Latin, meaning 'no meat'.
2. Another name for 'Karneval' is 'Fasching'.
3. Carnival is about welcoming in the spring.
4. On 'Weiberfastnacht' the ladies cut off the men's ties for a joke.
5. As part of the carnival fun, people sometimes trick each other filling donuts with raw vegetables.
6. Two popular German carnival foods are pizza and ice cream.
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Kölner Karneval – Das Erlebnis

CARNIVAL

experience

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gY8PdIVZENM>

(YouTube clip, approx. 5 minutes long)



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Celebrate Karneval/Fasching with a Karneval Party at Home!

Karneval Party Tips



THANKS



FOR LISTENING!

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