

**Exercise 1.** Discuss the meanings of the words below. Do they have anything in common?

**every August Bank Holiday weekend**

**Notting Hill**

**social solidarity**

**abolition of slavery**

**slave trade**

**take full advantage of freedom**

**Exercise 2.** *Cut out each part and hand over to students*



Student 1:

Part 1. The Notting Hill Carnival is the largest street festival in Europe. It originated in 1964 as a way for Afro-Caribbean communities, that immigrated to London after World War II, to celebrate their own cultures and traditions.

**Part 2 questions:**

When is the carnival taking place?

Where is it taking place?

**Part 3 questions:**

What do people celebrate during the Carnival?

Where does Notting Hill Carnival have its roots?

**Part 4 questions:**

Were Afro-Caribbean communities allowed to organise festivals in the past?

How do you understand the phrase that "*the communities have recently taken a full advantage of the new freedom*".

**Part 5 questions:**

How many people took part in the Carnival last year?

Why do you think the carnival might be a dangerous place?

## Student 2

Part 2. Taking place every August Bank Holiday weekend in the streets of London W11, the Notting Hill Carnival is an amazing array of sounds, colourful sights and social solidarity.

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## Student 3

Part 3. At the roots of the Notting Hill Carnival are the Caribbean carnivals of the early 19th century – a particularly strong tradition in Trinidad – which were all about celebrating the abolition of slavery and the slave trade.

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### **Part 5 questions:**

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Student 4

Part 4. Having been forbidden to hold festivals of their own during the period of slavery, Afro-Caribbean communities have recently taken a full advantage of the relative new freedom.

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Student 5

Part 5. There were around one million people joining the party last year, backing up the claim that it is the world's biggest street festival outside Rio. Although the carnival has seen some trouble in the past, it is a relatively safe event now.

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Exercise 3.

Watch the second part of the video. Find out the connections between these words and the Notting Hill Carnival

5,000 - .....

300- .....

thefts- .....

mobile- .....

route - .....