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Il Carnevale

Go to www.euroclub-schools.org. Enter the Italian Zone. Click on Carnevale.

By reading through the web page, can you find and write the answers to the following questions?

1. When does the period of *il Carnevale* take place?

2. What is the name (in Italian and English) of the final day of *il Carnevale*?

What do the Italian words actually mean?

3. Name the spiral-shaped fritters prepared during *il Carnevale*.

4. Name the traditional chocolate dessert of *il Carnevale*.

Which prohibited ingredient was originally used in this dessert?

Which biscuits or fritters often accompany this pudding?

5. Which Italian word is hidden in the word *Carnevale*?

6. Which Italian city hosts the most famous *Carnevale*?

How are people dressed?

7. After all the merry-making of carnival time, which solemn period of forty days begins?

Write the name in both Italian and English.

Write the name of the first day of this solemn period in both Italian and English.

8. Explain the following words: *mangiare di magro* -

9. Find and write the following words in Italian. *Scrivi in italiano:*

a cross -

How embarrassing! -

I love it! -

my grandma -

the frying pan -

the icing sugar -

10. Find and write the following words in English. *Scrivi in inglese:*

Metto una maschera. -

ogni anno -

Indosso un costume. -

mio papà -

Tutti si divertono! -

una ruota -

11. Using the word *Adoro* (I love), write the following sentences in Italian. *Scrivi in italiano:*

I love the Venice Carnival.

I love Shrove Tuesday.

12. What does the name of the fritters *le chiacchiere* actually mean?

Le Maschere - The Masks

13. There are different types of carnival masks in Venice. Which mask covers the mouth and has a chin that sticks out?

Which colour is it?

Originally, why was this mask designed to be worn all day without removing it even for eating or drinking?

14. What is the name of a mask that represents 'the plague doctor'?

Which colour is the costume that accompanies it?

15. Which mask is all black and is held on to the face by gripping it between the teeth?

16. Which mask covers the whole face and has a name which also means 'face'?

17. Describe the mask called *la colombina*.

18. If you take part in the Venice Carnival, which type of mask would you prefer to wear? Write a sentence in Italian beginning with *Vorrei* (I would like).

19. Are there any masks that you would consider uncomfortable to wear? If so, explain why.

20. Choose from the following adjectives to describe the masks below. Write your own opinion.
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la colombina

la moretta

la bauta