

# Mardi Gras

TOTALLY

INAPPROPRIATE

VIDEO

ACTIVITIES

PARENTAL  
ADVISORY  
EXPLICIT CONTENT

1. Have you ever heard about Mardi Gras?
2. How do you celebrate the end of carnival?
3. Do you prefer to celebrate New Year's Eve and other occasions outdoor or indoor? Why?
4. Do you like costumes and fancy dress parties?
5. What was the last outfit that you wore?

1) Watch the video. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EklZwXbSh-Y> englishvee.com

**Make notes about:**

- **King cakes**
- **Costumes**
- **Louisiana State Museum**
- **Krewes**
- **Floats**
- **Music**



**2) Match the words the left with their definitions on the right.**

**1. FOMO**

**2. beads**

**3. tacked**

**4. porta-potty**

**5. pickpocket**

**6. krewe**

**7. lewd conduct**

**8. tutu**

**9. floats**

**10. leeway**

**a) the amount of time or space that you allow for something to happen or be done**

**b) fear of missing out, anxiety that an exciting or interesting event may be happening elsewhere**

**c) decorated vehicles that are used in parades**

**d) in good condition, not damaged or broken**

**e) a group of people who organize a Mardi Gras parade**

**f) a portable toilet**

**g) a thief who steals things from people's pockets or bags, especially in a crowd**

**h) a short, full skirt made of layers of tulle, worn by ballet dancers**

**i) behavior that is considered offensive or vulgar**

**j) small, coloured, often round pieces of plastic, wood, glass, etc.**

**It is usually put on a string.**

**3) Fill the gaps in the sentences (a-i) with words 1-10.**

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**Mardi Gras in New Orleans is a one-of-a-kind celebration that takes place annually in late winter or early spring. It's a time for local groups called a) \_\_\_\_\_, to present their colorful platforms called**

**b) \_\_\_\_\_ and a chance to collect c) \_\_\_\_\_.**

**But besides all the fun, there are some potential downsides to consider.**

**For one, the huge number of people can be overwhelming, and finding a d) \_\_\_\_\_ when you need to pee one can be a challenge.**

**Additionally, with so many people crammed into the streets, there's always a risk of falling victim to a e) \_\_\_\_\_ or witnessing some form of f) \_\_\_\_\_.**

**That's why it's important to plan ahead and give yourself some**

**g) \_\_\_\_\_. Make sure your outfit is h) \_\_\_\_\_ and comfortable.**

**You might want to wear i) \_\_\_\_\_ skirt, they are a great choice for Mardi Gras. And if you're feeling some j) \_\_\_\_\_, take a break and relax for a bit in a quieter area away from the crowds.**



#### **4) Read the article and answer the questions below.**

[https://hospitalitynola.com/16-dos-and-dont-at-mardi-gras-in-new-orleans/fbclid=IwAR2EO9065qHaFp7x3DxWYUEiHBA\\_i\\_ukgJSqhnjloUe4SOVG5oepX8e7G1l#close](https://hospitalitynola.com/16-dos-and-dont-at-mardi-gras-in-new-orleans/fbclid=IwAR2EO9065qHaFp7x3DxWYUEiHBA_i_ukgJSqhnjloUe4SOVG5oepX8e7G1l#close)

- 1. What is Mardi Gras all about to locals in New Orleans?**
- 2. Why shouldn't you buy beads if you're coming to town for the first time?**
- 3. What is the best way to ensure you get a good spot at a parade?**
- 4. Why is running through parades considered unsafe?**
- 5. Why is it important to bring a bag to Mardi Gras?**
- 6. Where is it acceptable to go to the bathroom during Mardi Gras?**
- 7. What should you bring/not bring with you to Mardi Gras?**
- 8. What should you use instead of cans and bottles during Mardi Gras?**

**5) Watch the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gi6dZVhOWw8>**

- a) Is there any advice in the video that didn't occur in the article?**
- b) Is there any advice that is different in the article and in the video?**
- c) Which piece of advice was the most surprising/unexpected for you?**
- c) Which piece of advice is the the most important, in your opinion?**

**6) Would you like to go to New Orleans during Mardi Gras? Why?**

**7\*) Extra video from Bourbon Street for more courageous classes:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1zA7rbFE1zk>**

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