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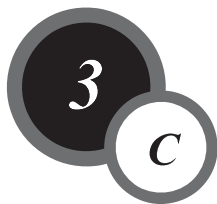
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## Visiting Uruguay

The country of Uruguay in South America is a fun place to be during the months of February and March. During that time, there is a festival called Carnival. Carnival is held in many countries around the world. But in Uruguay, Carnival has its own special musical performance.

At that time of the year, it is summer in Uruguay. Everybody goes into the streets, from old people to children. There are people dancing, singing, and playing a special kind of music. This kind of dance and music is called *murga*.

People do *murga* performances in groups. The biggest groups have 17 people. They wear funny clothes with lots of colors. They play the drums and sing. The members of the groups are not professional singers or dancers. They are people with other jobs. Each group prepares and practices their own dance and songs for months. Then, they try to be the best group at the festival. Each group's dance and songs last about 45 minutes. The songs are stories about important people or events in the news, so people think watching *murga* is like watching a play at the theater.

Uruguay is a small country with just 3.5 million people. More than half of them live in the capital city, Montevideo. So the biggest festival at that time of the year is there. Uruguay's Carnival started over 100 years ago. It is the world's longest and is about 40 days long. People still work during that time, but in the evenings and on weekends, they enjoy the festival.

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(26) How is Carnival in Uruguay different from other Carnivals?

- 1 It is held at a different time of year.
- 2 It has a special musical show.
- 3 It takes place twice a year.
- 4 Old people and children go to it.

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(27) How long is each group's performance?

- 1 About 17 minutes.
- 2 About 35 minutes.
- 3 About 45 minutes.
- 4 About 100 minutes.

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(28) Why do people think watching *murga* is like watching a theater play?

- 1 The people do it in large groups.
- 2 The people wear funny clothes with many colors.
- 3 The songs are about stories in the news.
- 4 It goes on for many months.

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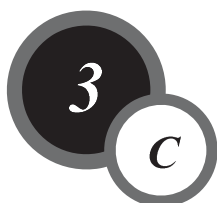
(29) The biggest festival is in the city of Montevideo because

- 1 many people live in that city.
- 2 it is very hot there at that time of year.
- 3 it has a lot of theaters.
- 4 people have longer holidays there.

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(30) What is this story about?

- 1 Carnivals around the world.
- 2 Where to live in South America.
- 3 A long and special festival in Uruguay.
- 4 A new and funny kind of movie.



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## London's Bicycles

There are many ways to travel around London, England. The subway train system, the Tube, is famous because it is quick, and people can use the Internet for free at all 270 stations in the city. But some people think it is too expensive to ride. Also, it is often crowded and hot, and people can't see much through the windows. Now, many people get around by bicycle.

Today, people who need bicycles can rent\* them. This started in July 2010. A big bank gave money to the city to buy the bicycles. At the time, Boris Johnson was the mayor\* of London, so people called the bicycles Boris Bikes.

People can rent bicycles in London at any time of the day or night. People can find them at places called docking stations. First, people pay money to rent a bicycle. Then, they get a number to unlock\* it. After using the bicycle, people can return it to any docking station. If the bike ride is less than 30 minutes, people don't have to pay any more money.

When the bicycle service started, there were 5,000 bicycles and 315 docking stations in London. In 2012, there were about 8,000 bicycles and 570 docking stations. During the 2012 London Olympics, bicycles were rented 47,105 times on just one day.

People use the bicycles for different reasons. Visitors to London think they are a cheap way to see the city. Many people who work there think cycling is healthy and better for the environment, too.

\*rent: ～を借りる

\*mayor: 市長

\*unlock: ～を開錠する

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Why is the Tube famous?

- 1 People can take nice photos from the windows.
- 2 It is very old, and tickets are cheap.
- 3 People can borrow computers at the stations.
- 4 It is a fast way to travel, and the Internet is free.

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Why are the bicycles called Boris Bikes?

- 1 Boris is the name of a popular place in London.
- 2 Boris was the name of a famous bicycle company.
- 3 Boris was the name of the mayor of London.
- 4 Boris is the name of the bank that bought the bicycles.

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People don't have to pay more money if

- 1 they use a bicycle during the Olympics.
- 2 they are visiting London on a holiday.
- 3 they use a bicycle for less than 30 minutes.
- 4 they keep a bicycle all day and night.

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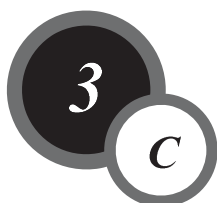
How many bicycles were there in 2012?

- 1 About 315.
- 2 About 570.
- 3 About 5,000.
- 4 About 8,000.

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What is this story about?

- 1 How to travel around England by train.
- 2 A cheap and healthy way to travel around London.
- 3 Why subway trains are bad for the environment.
- 4 The life of the new mayor of London.



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## Sally Ride

Sally Ride was the first American woman to go into space. She was born in California in 1951. When she was growing up, she loved math, science, and tennis. In high school, she became a very good tennis player. In fact, she was one of the best players in America. At that time, she wanted to become a professional tennis player. She practiced hard every day for months, but then she changed her mind. She decided to go to college instead.

Sally went to Stanford University. There, she studied science and English. Later, she got a Ph.D.\* in astrophysics.\* Then, in 1977, she read an advertisement\* in the newspaper. It said NASA\* was looking for people who wanted to become astronauts. Sally wanted the job, and she got it. She went to the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, and trained to become an astronaut.

In 1983, Sally was able to go into space. Russia sent women into space in 1963 and 1982, but Sally was the first American woman to go. Her second and final trip to space was in 1984. She worked for NASA for several more years, and then she worked at Stanford University. Later, she had her own company called Sally Ride Science, and she also wrote several books.

Sadly, Sally died in 2012. However, many people remember the important things she did. In fact, in 2013, President Barack Obama gave her a special award. Also, two elementary schools are named after her. Sally is still a hero for many people.

\*Ph.D.: 博士号

\*astrophysics: 天体物理学

\*advertisement: 広告

\*NASA: 米国航空宇宙局

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(26) What did Sally Ride want to be when she was in high school?

- 1 A scientist.
- 2 A college teacher.
- 3 A tennis player.
- 4 An astronaut.

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(27) How did Sally find out about the job at NASA?

- 1 She read about it in the newspaper.
- 2 She got a call from the Johnson Space Center.
- 3 Her friend in Houston told her about it.
- 4 She saw a poster at Stanford University.

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(28) How many times did Sally go to space?

- 1 Once.
- 2 Twice.
- 3 Three times.
- 4 Four times.

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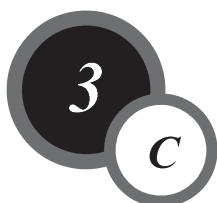
(29) What did President Barack Obama do in 2013?

- 1 He wrote a book about Sally's life.
- 2 He named a school after Sally.
- 3 He started the company Sally Ride Science.
- 4 He gave Sally a special award.

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(30) What is this story about?

- 1 An important American astronaut.
- 2 The first woman to become the president.
- 3 A famous American tennis player.
- 4 A popular teacher who visited Russia.



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## Snacks for Sailors\*

Crackers are a popular snack all over the world. There are many different shapes and flavors of crackers. Some people like to eat them with cheese or meat on them, and others eat them without anything. Saltines are a very popular kind of cracker. They are square crackers with salt on them, and they also have many small holes.

Crackers were invented in 1792 by John Pearson in Massachusetts in the United States. Pearson owned a bakery, and he wanted to make a kind of food for sailors. Sailors often took bread with them on ships, but the bread spoiled\* quickly. Pearson mixed flour and water together, and he baked it until it was very dry. He named his new food Pearson's Pilot Bread, but many sailors called it "hardtack."

The English word "cracker" was not used until 1801. At that time, a man named Josiah Bent had his own hardtack bakery. One day, Bent was baking pieces of hardtack. The pieces burned, and they made a crackling sound.\* When he heard this sound, he thought of the word "cracker." Bent also wanted to sell his crackers to people other than sailors. He put salt in his recipe to make them more delicious.

Bent's crackers became very popular in the northeastern United States, and people there often put them in soup. Soon, people in other parts of the country began eating them. Later, a company called Nabisco bought both Pearson's and Bent's bakeries. Nabisco continued to use Bent's recipe, but it gave the crackers a new name, saltines.

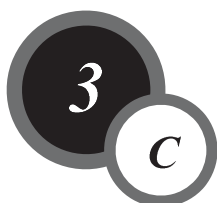
\*sailor: せんいん 船員

\*spoil: くさ 腐る

\*crackling sound: パチパチする音 おと



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- (26) Saltines are crackers that
- 1 have small holes in them.
  - 2 have many different shapes.
  - 3 are made from cheese.
  - 4 are often cooked with meat.
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- (27) Why did John Pearson make Pearson's Pilot Bread?
- 1 He couldn't find good food in Massachusetts.
  - 2 He could buy flour and water very cheaply.
  - 3 He didn't like dry food.
  - 4 He wanted to make a kind of food for sailors.
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- (28) Why did Josiah Bent put salt in his recipe for crackers?
- 1 To make them easier to bake.
  - 2 To make them more delicious.
  - 3 To burn them more quickly.
  - 4 To get more sailors to buy them.
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- (29) What did the company called Nabisco do?
- 1 It bought two bakeries.
  - 2 It built a new ship for sailors.
  - 3 It made a special soup for crackers.
  - 4 It opened many restaurants in the United States.
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- (30) What is this story about?
- 1 The history of an English word.
  - 2 The history of a famous company.
  - 3 The history of a popular snack.
  - 4 The history of food on ships.



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## Maria Tallchief

Maria Tallchief was a famous ballerina.\* She was born in 1925 on a Native American reservation.\* Her father was a Native American. When Maria was a child, she enjoyed music and took piano lessons. She also liked to play outside with her sister.

When Maria was eight, her family moved to Los Angeles, California. Her mother loved music and dance. She hoped that Maria and her brothers and sisters would become movie stars. Maria soon started taking ballet classes. Every day, she practiced piano and ballet. However, when she was 12, her father told her to choose between piano and ballet. Maria chose ballet.

Maria started taking dance classes at a new ballet school. Her teacher was a famous ballerina named Madame Nijinska. Madame Nijinska was from Russia, and she taught Maria for the next five years. When Maria was 17, she moved to New York to join a famous ballet company\* called the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo.

While Maria was a dancer with the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, she met a famous choreographer\* named George Balanchine. Balanchine liked Maria's dancing, so he often gave her important parts in his ballet performances. Maria traveled around the world and danced in many countries. Later, Maria and Balanchine got married, and Balanchine left the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo. He started his own ballet company called the New York City Ballet. Maria soon joined the company and became its star ballerina. Later, she became a ballet teacher and worked for some famous ballet companies.

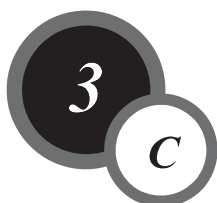
\*ballerina: バレリーナ

\*Native American reservation: アメリカ先住民の保留地

\*company: 集団

\*choreographer: 振付師

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- (26) When Maria Tallchief was a child, she
- 1 liked music and playing outside.
  - 2 performed in a play at school.
  - 3 was a famous pianist.
  - 4 met a famous movie star.
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- (27) How old was Maria when she moved to California?
- 1 Five.
  - 2 Eight.
  - 3 Twelve.
  - 4 Seventeen.
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- (28) Why did Maria go to New York?
- 1 She wanted to join a famous ballet company.
  - 2 She didn't like Madame Nijinska.
  - 3 She wanted to live with her brothers and sisters.
  - 4 She was told to go there by her father.
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- (29) What did George Balanchine do for Maria?
- 1 He gave her important parts in his ballet performances.
  - 2 He introduced her to a star ballerina.
  - 3 He sent her presents from many countries.
  - 4 He took her to see the New York City Ballet.
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- (30) What is this story about?
- 1 A ballet company from Russia.
  - 2 A popular piano teacher from New York.
  - 3 A famous Native American ballerina.
  - 4 A big dance school in the United States.



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## Valentinus

Many people around the world celebrate Valentine's Day. In some countries, people give chocolate or other gifts to friends and family. They do this to show their love for those people. However, the history of Valentine's Day is actually very sad. The name Valentine's Day comes from the name of a Roman priest\* called Valentinus. He was born in the year 226.

In those days, Rome had a very large and strong army.\* Many of the soldiers\* in the army wanted to get married and have families. However, the leader of Rome, Claudius II, thought soldiers should not be married, so he made it a rule. After that, they could not get married anymore. Some soldiers broke the rule and got married, but they could not tell anyone.

Many priests were afraid of Claudius II, so they did not help soldiers to get married. However, Valentinus thought that men and women should get married and have families. So he helped soldiers when they wanted to get married. One day, when people found out Valentinus was doing this, he got in trouble and was put in jail.\*

When Valentinus was in jail, he met a young girl who worked there. Every day, she brought food to Valentinus and talked with him, and they became good friends. But Claudius II decided to kill Valentinus. On the night before he died, Valentinus wrote a letter to the girl. He signed the letter, "Your Valentine." The next day, February 14, Valentinus was killed. However, today, many people celebrate love on this day.

\*priest: 神父 (しん ぶ)

\*army: 軍隊 (ぐん たい)

\*soldier: 兵士 (へい し)

\*be put in jail: 投獄される (とう ごく)

(26) Valentine's Day was named after

- 1 a famous soldier.
- 2 a kind of chocolate.
- 3 a priest from Rome.
- 4 a place in Italy.

(27) Why did Claudius II make a new rule?

- 1 He didn't want soldiers to get married.
- 2 He didn't want children to become soldiers.
- 3 He wanted more families to live in Rome.
- 4 He wanted more people to become priests.

(28) What did Valentinus think?

- 1 The leader of Rome should be kinder to women.
- 2 Men and women should have families.
- 3 Priests shouldn't write letters.
- 4 Soldiers shouldn't go to war.

(29) What did Claudius II decide to do?

- 1 Write a letter to Valentinus.
- 2 Give food to poor people.
- 3 Help a young girl.
- 4 Kill Valentinus.

(30) What is this story about?

- 1 Some soldiers who went to war.
- 2 The history of Valentine's Day.
- 3 A leader of Rome who had a large family.
- 4 A priest who joined the army.