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## Words in the News

### Notting Hill Carnival



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*NB: This is not a word-for-word transcript*

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#### Transcript

One of the world's largest street music festivals has taken place in London.

Around sixty bands in colourful **costumes** took part in the Notting Hill Carnival. Thirty-eight **sound systems** entertained the crowds.

**Revellers** at the annual event **donned** raincoats and held umbrellas as west London was hit by **downpours**.

More than a million people are believed to have attended the event across its two days.

#### Vocabulary

##### **costumes**

clothes worn for a certain type of activity

##### **sound systems**

electrical equipment used to play music, recordings and announcements

##### **revellers**

people at a party or celebration

##### **donned**

put on (clothes)

##### **downpours**

heavy rain showers

**Watch this video online: Notting Hill Carnival**

<http://bbc.in/1LTE4kf>

## Exercise

Use one of the words or phrases below to complete each of these sentences from news reports.

Note that you may have to change the form of a word to complete the sentence correctly.

**costumes / sound systems / revellers / donned / downpours**

1. It was the impressive \_\_\_\_\_ and cutting edge DJs such as Larry Levan that kept the clubbers coming back night after night.
2. Hundreds of tents and piles of rubbish were left behind by \_\_\_\_\_ after the two day music festival.
3. Motorists across the South East were warned to keep their speeds down amid further \_\_\_\_\_ and expected flooding.
4. Halloween is weeks away but some \_\_\_\_\_ are already causing controversy online.
5. But of course I have watched the West Ham men's team on television and it was like a dream come true when I \_\_\_\_\_ their jersey with the same logo.

## Answers

1. It was the impressive **sound system** and cutting edge DJs such as Larry Levan that kept the clubbers coming back night after night.

**Source:** Ministry of Sound keeps on dancing after 20 years  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-12730316>

2. Hundreds of tents and piles of rubbish were left behind by **revellers** after the two day music festival.

**Source:** Clean-up after V Festival mudbath in Staffordshire  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-34042710>

3. Motorists across the South East were warned to keep their speeds down amid further **downpours** and expected flooding.

**Source:** Flooding in Kent and Sussex after torrential downpours  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-sussex-33907476>

4. Halloween is weeks away but some costumes are already causing controversy online.

**Source:** Is it OK to dress up as Caitlyn Jenner?  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs-trending-34065370>

5. But of course I have watched the West Ham men's team on television and it was like a dream come true when I **donned** their jersey with the same logo.

**Source:** West Ham's Aditi Chauhan becomes India's first woman to play in England  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-india-33970763>