

Cannes Film Festival



Every year, people go to Cannes for a big event. It's a famous film festival in France. Movie stars and directors meet there. They show new movies from all over the world.

Movies compete for prizes. The top prize is called the Palme d'Or. It is for the best movie. Many people watch to see who wins.

Not everyone can go inside. You need an invitation. But fans can see famous people. They walk on a red carpet outside.

The festival lasts for twelve days. It starts in May. Cannes becomes a very busy place. Hotels are full, and the streets are crowded. Many people enjoy the festival, even from far away.

CEFR Level Card

General Level: A2.1

Vocabulary: A1.0

Verb Form: A2.0

Clause: A1.4

Wordlist

carpet NOUN A2 1

Definition (En):

- n. a natural object that resembles or suggests a carpet
- v. form a carpet-like cover (over)
- v. cover completely, as if with a carpet
- v. cover with a carpet

compete VERB A2 1

Definition (En):

- v. compete for something; engage in a contest; measure oneself against others

crowded ADJ A2 1

Definition (En):

- a. overfilled or compacted or concentrated

director NOUN A2 1

Definition (En):

- n. someone who controls resources and expenditures
- n. member of a board of directors
- n. someone who supervises the actors and directs the action in the production of a show

fan NOUN A2 1

Definition (En):

- n. a device for creating a current of air by movement of a surface or surfaces
- n. an ardent follower and admirer
- v. strike out (a batter), (of a pitcher)
- v. make (an emotion) fiercer

inside ADV A2 1

Definition (En):

- n. the region that is inside of something
- n. the inner or enclosed surface of something
- a. relating to or being on the side closer to the center or within a defined space
- s. being or applying to the inside of a building

invitation NOUN A2 1

Definition (En):

- n. a request (spoken or written) to participate or be present or take part in something
- n. a tempting allurements

last VERB A2 1

Definition (En):

- n. the last or lowest in an ordering or series
- n. a person's dying act; the final thing a person can do
- n. a unit of weight equal to 4,000 pounds
- n. a unit of capacity for grain equal to 80 bushels

prize NOUN A2 2

Definition (En):

- n. something given for victory or superiority in a contest or competition or for winning a lottery
- v. hold dear

top ADJ A2 1

Definition (En):

- n. the upper part of anything
- n. the highest or uppermost side of anything
- n. the first half of an inning; while the visiting team is at bat
- n. the greatest possible intensity

Phrases and Idioms

Lemma	Sentences
all over the world	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They show new movies from all over the world.
compete for (someone or something)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Movies compete for prizes.
for the best	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is for the best movie.
go to (someone or something)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every year, people go to Cannes for a big event.
last for ...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The festival lasts for twelve days.
red carpet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They walk on a red carpet outside.
start in (something)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It starts in May.
walk on	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They walk on a red carpet outside.

Reading Comprehension Exercises

True / False

1. A big event in Cannes happens every month.
2. The film festival in Cannes is not well-known.
3. Only movie stars can go to the festival in Cannes.
4. Movies are shown in Cannes to compete for awards.
5. The Palme d'Or is a prize for the worst movie.
6. Anyone can enter the film festival without an invitation.
7. The festival in Cannes is only one day long.

Multiple Choice

- 1) Why do movie stars and directors go to Cannes every year?
 - a) For a sports competition
 - b) For a big film festival
 - c) To go on holiday
 - d) To see the Eiffel Tower

- 2) What is the main purpose of the Cannes film festival?
 - a) To have parties
 - b) To give out a prize for the best movie
 - c) To take a vacation
 - d) To walk on the red carpet

- 3) Can anyone attend the film festival inside?
 - a) Yes, everyone can go inside
 - b) Only people from Cannes can attend
 - c) No, you need an invitation to go inside
 - d) Only movie stars can attend

- 4) When does the Cannes film festival usually start?
 - a) In December
 - b) In May
 - c) After twelve days
 - d) When hotels are full

- 5) Which statement is true about the Cannes film festival?
 - a) It lasts for one month
 - b) It is only for French movies
 - c) The streets become less crowded
 - d) Many people enjoy the festival even from far away

Short Answer

1. What is the big event in Cannes?
2. Who meets at the Cannes film festival?
3. What do movies compete for at the festival?
4. What is the name of the top prize at the Cannes film festival?
5. Why can't everyone go inside the festival?
6. When does the film festival in Cannes start?
7. What happens to Cannes during the film festival?

Exercise Answers

True / False Answers

1.

Answer: False

Explanation: The text says the event happens every year, not every month.

Answer location: "Every year, people go to Cannes for a big event."

2.

Answer: False

Explanation: The text clearly states that it is a famous film festival.

Answer location: "It's a famous film festival in France."

3.

Answer: False

Explanation: The text mentions that movie stars and directors meet there, but it does not say that only movie stars can go.

Answer location: "Movie stars and directors meet there."

4.

Answer: True

Explanation: The text states that movies compete for prizes, which implies they are shown to compete for awards.

Answer location: "Movies compete for prizes."

5.

Answer: False

Explanation: The Palme d'Or is mentioned as the top prize and is for the best movie, not the worst.

Answer location: "The top prize is called the Palme d'Or. It is for the best movie."

6.

Answer: False

Explanation: The text specifies that not everyone can go inside and an invitation is needed.

Answer location: "Not everyone can go inside. You need an invitation."

7.

Answer: False

Explanation: The text says the festival lasts for twelve days, not just one.

Answer location: "The festival lasts for twelve days."

Multiple Choice Answers

1.

Answer: B

Explanation: The text states they go to Cannes for a famous film festival, not for sports, holidays, or to see the Eiffel Tower.

Answer location: "Every year, people go to Cannes for a big event. It's a famous film festival in France."

2.

Answer: B

Explanation: The text mentions that movies compete for prizes, and the top prize, called the Palme d'Or, is for the best movie which indicates the purpose of the festival.

Answer location: "Movies compete for prizes. The top prize is called the Palme d'Or. It is for the best movie."

3.

Answer: C

Explanation: The text clearly states that not everyone can go inside and an invitation is required, hence the other options are incorrect.

Answer location: "Not everyone can go inside. You need an invitation."

4.

Answer: B

Explanation: The text directly mentions that the festival starts in May.

Answer location: "The festival lasts for twelve days. It starts in May."

5.

Answer: D

Explanation: It is stated that many people enjoy the festival even from far away, making this choice the only true statement among the options provided.

Answer location: "Many people enjoy the festival, even from far away."

Short Answer Answers

1.

Answer: A famous film festival.

Explanation: The text mentions that the big event is a famous film festival in Cannes, France.

Answer location: "Every year, people go to Cannes for a big event. It's a famous film festival in France."

2.

Answer: Movie stars and directors.

Explanation: The text states that movie stars and directors meet at the festival.

Answer location: "Movie stars and directors meet there."

3.

Answer: Prizes.

Explanation: The text says that movies are shown to compete for prizes.

Answer location: "Movies compete for prizes."

4.

Answer: The palme d'or.

Explanation: The text calls the highest award given at the festival the Palme d'Or.

Answer location: "The top prize is called the Palme d'Or."

5.

Answer: You need an invitation.

Explanation: The text explains that an invitation is required to go inside, implying that not everyone has one.

Answer location: "Not everyone can go inside. You need an invitation."

6.

Answer: In may.

Explanation: The text mentions that the festival begins in May.

Answer location: "It starts in May."

7.

Answer: It becomes a very busy place.

Explanation: The text describes that during the festival, Cannes is crowded, with full hotels and busy streets.

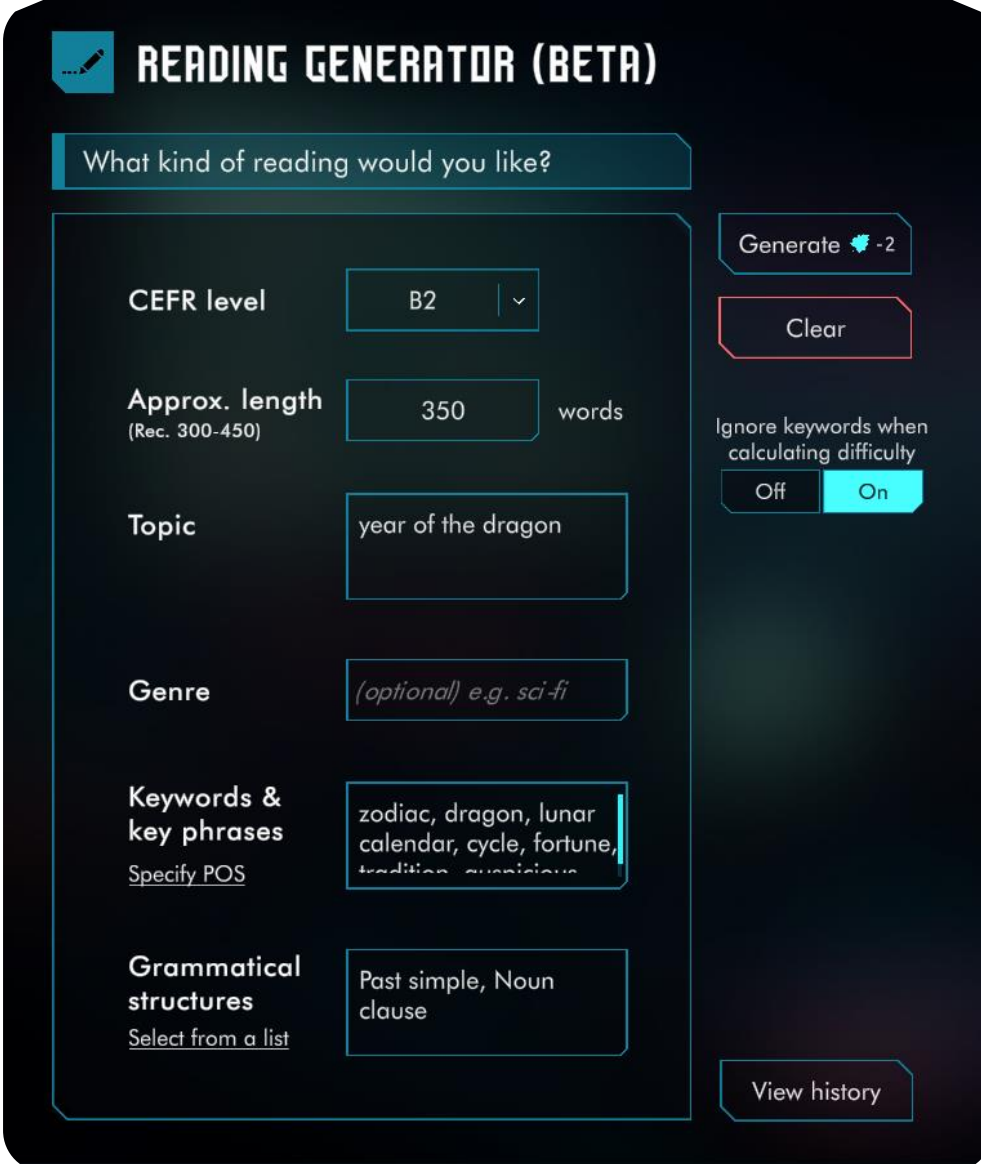
Answer location: "Cannes becomes a very busy place."

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