



## Mardi Gras

(literally Fat Tuesday, it is the biggest carnival celebration in the USA. It happens in New Orleans where people wear costumes, masks and give each other colourful beads)

sweets

costume

mask

beads

# Carnival

parade

## King cake

(A king cake is a type of cake associated in a number of countries with the festival of Epiphany at the end of the Christmas season; in other places, it is associated with the pre-Lent celebrations of Mardi Gras/Carnival.)

## Shrove Tuesday

(the name of the celebration in the UK. After Henry VIII left the Catholic Church, carnival stopped being celebrated)

## Lent

(the period when Christians don't eat meat before Easter)

What words can you think of relating to carnival?  
Type it in the chatbox

Brainstorm types of  
masks and  
costumes

Internet Search the types of  
costumes that were common at  
the Carnival in... (Viareggio/  
Venezia/their hometown/Rio)

Internet  
Search + Present the  
main carnival  
celebrations

# What can you do with these words?

## Running Dictation

(Prepare a short text on a carnival topic. Divide children into 3 or four teams. Print the text small on a small piece of paper. Put the text on the opposite wall from where the team is sitting. Each member must run to the text, memorise a few words, run back and dictate them to the next team member. They can't run until they have finished writing)\*

Prepare some masks and  
organise your own a class  
parade

\*for a Running Dictation example text, see  
downloads