Carnevale di Venezia, tra sogno e realtà

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KytU_4hWo-E>

1. Quanti soldi sono disposte a spendere alcune persone per assistere alla festa più prestigiosa del Carnevale di Venezia? 2500 euro
2. Quali cose sono incluse nel prezzo (2 dettagli)? Spettacolo di ballerine, acrobati, attori e musicisti, la cena di gala, il noleggio del costume.
3. Come si chiama questa festa prestigiosa? Il ballo del Doge.
4. Quando e dove è nata questa festa? 24 anni fa in un piccolo atelier
5. Quanto costano i magnifici costumi fatti a mano? Alcune migliaia di euro (7000).
6. Quanti costumi produce l’atelier dopo un anno di lavoro? Un centinaio
7. Quando è stato costruito il prestigioso hotel Danieli? Alla fine del 1300
8. Quanto costa una notte nella suite più grande di questo hotel? Fino a 13000 euro.
9. Esiste un Carnevale per le persone che non possono permettersi di spendere tutti questi soldi? Il Carnevale delle strade.
10. Quanto costano le maschere che si possono comprare sulle bancarelle? Dai 5 ai 50 euro.
11. Che cos’è il “bacaro”? significa far festa (deriva dal dialetto veneziano), ma anche dal dio del vino Bacco, significa bere un bicchiere di vino

Le maschere del Carnevale italiano

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LcYBJJTRk8o>

Scrivi la traduzione inglese di queste parole chiave:

1. burattini: puppet/marionette
2. maschere: masks
3. festeggiamenti: celebrations
4. ARLECCHINO

Who is Arlecchino? A servant.

What does he wear? He wears a multicolor dress.

Describe his personality. Silly and lazy and he loves playng jokes on the powerful.

1. BRIGHELLA

Where does Brighella come from? From Bergamo in Lombardia.

What are his characteristics? Dishonest, cunning but also insolent in fact he always argues with everyone.

1. COLOMBINA

Who is Colombina? A very sly servant

Whose girlfriend is she? Arlecchino’s

1. PANTALONE

What does he do for a living? He’s a Venice merchant who believes only in money and trade.

Describe his personality: stingy, assertive and grumpy

Who is often fooling him? His wife and daughters.

1. GIANDUJA

Where does Gianduja come from? Torino in Piedmont.

What is he like? He’s a brave, jolly and sensible gentleman.

What is he keen on? Good food and good wine.

What has been named after him? The famous gianduja chocolate.

1. MENEGHINO

Describe his personality: cheerful, extroverted, brave and always ready to help the weak.

What is his attitude towards the artistocrats? He’s always ready to make fun of their vices.

1. BALANZONE

What is the English word that best describes Balanzone’s attitude? A show-off.

Le maschere del Carnevale italiano 2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RbNhQnAeL0o>

1. CAPITAN SPAVENTA:

Where is he originally from? Spain

What does he struggle to keep separate? Reality and fiction

What do his tales talk about? great loves and glorious military endeavours

1. STENTERELLO:

What does this character have in common with Meneghino? Always ready to help the weak.

What are the other traits of his personality? Chatty, easily scared, wise, ingenious, jolly and playful.

Why is it a paradox that he is always ready to have a laugh? Because he has a difficult life.

1. BRIGANTINO

What lies behind this character’s appearance of arrogance? A very scared person.

What did this character originally represent? A caricature of the police.

1. MEO PATACCA

Describe his personality: he is witty, insolent and brave, always picking up a fight but at the core he’s goodhearted.

What is his problem? Always ready to pick up a fight.

1. PULCINELLA

Where does he come from? Naples in Campania.

Why do they always beat him up? Because he’s cheeky (impudent).

How does he spend his days? Doing nothing, eating, drinking, making fun of the powerful.

1. SOR TARTAGLIA

What can he not do very well? See and talk

What does he easily do and why? Fall in love because he loves women.

1. PEPPE NAPPA

What can he do very well? Dance and do acrobatic jumps.

1. MAMUTHONES

Why are these masks different from all the previous ones? They were not used in Commedia dell’Arte, but derive from ancient rituals.

Where can we find them? In Mamoiada in Sardinia.

What do they carry around with them? cowbells

PERSONALITY ADJECTIVES LEARNT IN THE VIDEOS: (Write the English and learn them for next lesson for a spelling test!)

1. SCIOCCO:
2. PIGRO:
3. ASTUTO:
4. INSOLENTE:
5. FURBO:
6. AVARO:
7. PREPOTENTE:
8. BRONTOLONE:
9. GALANTUOMO:
10. DI BUON SENSO:
11. ALLEGRO:
12. ESTROVERSO:
13. CORAGGIOSO:
14. COLTO:
15. SOGNATORE:
16. CHIACCHERONE:
17. PAUROSO:
18. SAGGIO:
19. INGEGNOSO:
20. ARROGANTE:
21. STRAFOTTENTE:
22. BULLO:
23. SPIRITOSO:
24. IMPERTINENTE:
25. ATTACCABRIGHE:
26. BALBUZIENTE:
27. ABILISSIMO: