

Nom: _____ Grup: _____

COMPRESIÓ DE TEXTOS ESCRITS

You are going to read a text about carnival in Venice. Choose a word (A, B, C or D) from the table below to complete the gaps.

Hi Kyeong Jin,

I hope this finds you well. I'm really sorry I haven't written for so long, but the beginning of the year was so busy for me –and then I went off to Venice for the carnival. In fact, I only got back to Boston last night!

Venice was absolutely amazing. You would have loved it. I stayed with Nina, who I'm sure you remember from uni. It was really kind of her to (1)me – and it meant that I didn't have to (2) trying to find a hotel, which would have been almost impossible. The city was completely packed with tourists for the whole ten days, and prices really (3) ... up.

Nina lives with her family, about ten minutes' walk from the main square where they hold the big costume (4) ... on the first day of the carnival. Some of the costumes were just incredible – people spend months and months preparing, so it's no wonder they look so good, really. Lots of tourists were dressed up in all kinds of crazy outfits – giant rabbits, pirates, even hot dogs- but the locals (5)... to stick to traditional costumes, which are very (6) ... and beautiful and they all wear masks as well. My favourite costume is called the Plague Doctor, it's really scary and sinister and I was told it is based on real doctors, who used to look after the dead and dying when the plague (7)... Venice.

Apparently, *carnevale*, the word Italians use, comes from Latin and means "farewell to meat". Traditionally, the carnival took place the week (8)... to Lent, the 40 days before Easter, during which time people (9)... . That's why food is really important during carnival, and I ate lots of *fritelle*, which are pastry things full of cream and stuff – fattening, but really delicious!

Venice is as beautiful as everybody says: very romantic and (10) All through the carnival, though, it's transformed as they have big fireworks (11) ... , bonfires, parties, and so on, and all the kids throw (12)... and spray shaving foam and stuff everywhere, which is great fun unless it lands on you! Mind you, we ended up buying a few cans and joining in ourselves! Attack is the best form of defence, right? People also set off fireworks all the time, which can give you a real shock if you're not expecting it. I nearly had a heart attack a couple of times. I've (13)... a few photos, which I hope you enjoy. I was going to send more, but I didn't want to make your computer crash like I (14)... to last time! I've uploaded loads more onto my website, if you (15) ... having a look.

Anyway, hope to hear from you soon,

All the best,

Chiaki

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3	A	trigger	B	launch	C	shoot	D	blast
4	A	lineup	B	march	C	fanfare	D	parade
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6	A	tawdry	B	ornate	C	dull	D	baroque
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11	A	exhibits	B	demonstrations	C	pageants	D	displays
12	A	shells	B	confetti	C	grenades	D	shrapnel
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