Listen to the speakers and do the exercises to practise and improve your listening skills.

**Preparation**
Do this exercise before you listen. Match the events with the definitions and write a – e next to the numbers 1 – 5.

1. a party to celebrate the anniversary of someone’s birth
2. the marriage of a king, queen, prince or princess
3. a West Indian carnival held in London every August
4. a celebration of 50 years of marriage
5. a party normally organised by students to celebrate finishing the school year and completing their exams

   a. golden wedding anniversary
   b. Notting Hill Carnival
   c. end of term party at school
   d. birthday party
   e. Royal wedding

2. **Check your understanding: matching**
Do this exercise while you listen. Match the speaker with the celebration and write a – e next to the numbers 1 – 5.

1. Speaker A
2. Speaker B
3. Speaker C
4. Speaker D
5. Speaker E

   a. golden wedding anniversary
   b. Notting Hill Carnival
   c. end of term party at school
   d. Royal wedding
   e. surprise birthday party
3. Check your understanding: gap fill
Do this exercise while you listen. Complete the gaps with the speaker.

A (x2)  B (x2)  C (x 2)  
D (x2)  E (x2)  

1. Speaker ____________ will see people dressed in amazing costumes.
2. Speaker ____________ is going to decorate the venue with Chinese lanterns and projections on the wall.
3. Speaker ____________ is worried about someone on Facebook spoiling the surprise.
4. Speaker ____________ is going to be careful of people stealing things.
5. Speaker ____________ is going to listen to old-fashioned music played on an old-fashioned machine.
6. Speaker ____________ is in one of the bands that are playing.
7. Speaker ____________ is going to taste food from all over the world.
8. Speaker ____________ is going to celebrate with the whole family.
9. Speaker ____________ is organising a party for her two best friends.
10. Speaker ____________ is going to make sure there is no traffic on her street.

Do you have any celebrations planned?

What are you celebrating?

What are you going to do?

Vocabulary Box  Write any new words you have learnt in this lesson.