

1. CONTEXT



Fuji Rock Festival

Mindmap anything you know about the topic, including vocabulary. Do some research online to help.

2. QUESTIONS

Read the listening questions to check your understanding. Look up any new vocabulary.

Listening Questions 1

1. Where and how often is the Fuji Rock Festival held?
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2. Where does the festival get its name from?
_____.
3. What major problem occurred during the first year of the festival?
_____.
4. Why else was the first year of the festival memorable?
_____.
5. Where do visitors often stay during the festival?
_____.

Listening Questions 2

1. What is one feature that distinguishes Fuji Rock from its rivals?
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2. Where does the artist Mulatu Astatke come from?
_____.
3. What are three styles of music that are featured at Fuji Rock?
_____.
4. What is the Fuji Rock festival unofficially known as?
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5. What kind of green energy does Fuji Rock use to power its stages?
_____.

3. LISTEN

Listen and answer the questions using full sentences. Circle the number of times and % you understood.

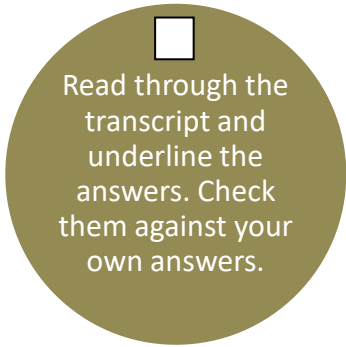
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Listening 2				
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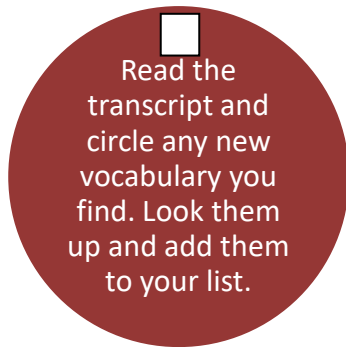
Discussion Questions

1. What large-scale cultural events have you been to in the past? What attracted you to them?
2. Does corporate social responsibility make an impact on your purchasing habits? Why or why not?

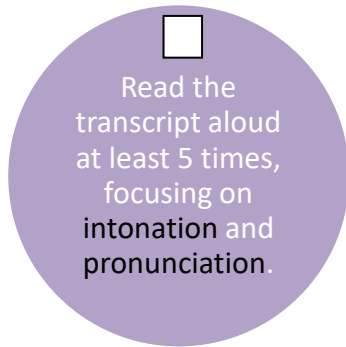
4. CHECK ANSWERS



5. CHECK VOCABULARY

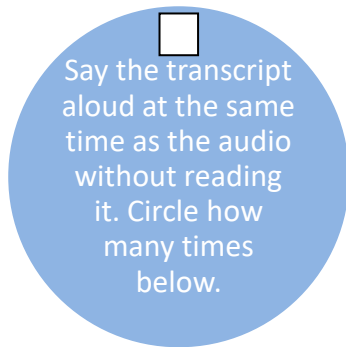


6. READ ALOUD



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7. SHADOWING



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TRANSCRIPT 1

The Fuji Rock Festival is one of the largest outdoor music festivals in Japan and has been held annually at Naeba Ski Resort in Niigata, Japan since 1999. The festival takes its name from the original location of the event in 1997, which was at the base of Mt. Fuji. Fuji Rock is one of the most famous music festivals in Japan, **attracting** some of the most well-known international artists each year.

In the first year that Fuji Rock was held, it was hit by a large typhoon that resulted in the cancelation of the second day of the festival. This was particularly **ironic** given that the theme of its first year was “a symbiosis of music and nature.” Despite these difficulties with nature, the first year did feature a now legendary set by the punk-rock band The Red Hot Chili Peppers. The band played through the storm despite one of its members having a broken arm.

Fuji Rock is usually held over 3 days in the last weekend of July, with many ticketholders deciding to camp out in the area to take advantage of the mild weather and stunning natural views.

MATCH THE ANTONYMS BY DRAWING LINES BELOW:

Attract	Limited
Ironic	Take away
Eclectic	Expectedly
Spotlight	Deter
Carve out	Essay
Anecdote	Obscurity

TRANSCRIPT 2

One aspect that sets Fuji Rock apart from some of its rivals such as Summer Sonic is its emphasis on international talent and **eclectic** music styles. Besides featuring major acts from the U.S., U.K. and Japan, festival management has also made an effort to include music styles and groups from parts of the world that tend to get less time in the **spotlight**.

Some acts that fall under this category and have appeared at Fuji Rock in the past include Ethiopian jazz musician Mulatu Astatke and the Afro-Caribbean styles of Los Gaunches. In addition to the emphasis on rock and electronic music, the festival has also **carved out** space for other music forms such as jazz.

Another interesting **anecdote** related to Fuji Rock is that it is known as the cleanest large-scale music festival in the world. Much of the waste produced at the festival is immediately recycled back into energy as biodiesel to power three of the event stages. The festival also makes use of solar power to help power other stages as well.