

carnival[ˈkɑːnɪv(ə)] *n*

- карнавал
- масленица (в католических странах)
- фестиваль
winter carnival - зимний фестиваль/праздник/
- массовые развлечения ярмарочного типа (*странствующий цирк, разъездной эстрадный ансамбль*)

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car-ni-val [**carnival carnivals**] *BrE* [ˈkɑːnɪvəl] *NAmE* [ˈkɑːrnɪvəl] *noun*

- countable, uncountable** a public festival, usually one that happens at a regular time each year, that involves music and dancing in the streets, for which people wear brightly coloured clothes
 - There is a local carnival every year.
 - the carnival in Rio
 - a carnival atmosphere
- countable (NAmE)** = ↑*fair* *n.* (1)
- (NAmE) (BrE fete, fair) countable** an outdoor entertainment at which people can play games to win prizes, buy food and drink, etc, usually arranged to make money for a special purpose
- singular ~ of sth (formal)** an exciting or brightly coloured mixture of things
 - this summer's carnival of sport
 See also: ↑*fair* ▪ ↑*fete*

Word Origin:

mid 16th cent.: from Italian *carnevale*, *carnovale*, from medieval Latin *carnelevamen*, *carnelevarium* 'Shrovetide', from Latin *caro*, *carn-* 'flesh' + *levare* 'put away'.

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car-ni-val /ˈkɑːnɪvəl, 'kɑːnɪvəl \$ 'kɑːr-/ *BrE* [■] *AmE* [■] *noun*

[**Date:** 1500-1600; **Language:** Italian; **Origin:** *carnevale*, from *carne* 'meat' (⇒ ↑*carnation*) + *levare* 'to remove', because after Carnival people stopped eating meat for a period]

- [uncountable and countable]** a public event at which people play music, wear special clothes, and dance in the streets:
 - preparations for this year's carnival
 - when it's Carnival in Rio
 - a carnival atmosphere in the town
- [countable] American English** a noisy outdoor event at which you can ride on special machines and play games for prizes **SYN** *funfair* *British English*
- [countable] American English** a school event at which students play games for prizes
- carnival of something literary** an exciting mixture of things:
 - Shakespeare's carnival of images

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