Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

Reading Comprehension & Vocabulary – 6e

1 Read the text

Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is a parade that takes place every year in Manhattan, New York City. The parade took place for the first time in 1924, and was presented by the department store chain Macy's. It was started by Macy's employees wearing costumes together with professional entertainers. They marched to Macy's Herald Square with floats, professional bands, and animals from the Central Park Zoo.

The parade was so successful that it became an annual event and opens the holiday season. Later, wonderful giant balloons of cartoon characters were added to the parade. The first-ever balloon was Felix the Cat. Of all the giant balloons in the Macy's Parade, it's Spider-Man who holds the record for the biggest balloor in the parade history. In the late 1960s, Macy's creative teams started building parade floats and to this day, parade floats are still designed by Macy's employees. The event really attracts lots of people. It lasts three hours and is also broadcast on TV.



A giant balloon (Spider-Man)



A float and dancers

Vocabulary

Find the French translation of each word.

1. a parade → _____
2. a float → _____
3. a balloon → _____
4. a crowd → _____
5. employees → _____
6. costumes → _____
7. a holiday → _____
8. a record → _____

Aide :

un défilé
un char
un ballon
une foule
des employés
des costumes
une fête
un record

2 Answer the questions

Read the text and answer the questions in English.

1. What is Macy's Parade? _____
2. When does it take place? _____
3. What did Macy's Parade take place for the first time?

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4. What can we see at the parade? _____
5. Who did the first giant balloon represent? _____
6. Which cartoon character holds the record for the biggest balloon in the parade history? _____

3 Find the opposite

Find the opposite of each adjective.

1. big → _____
2. first → _____
3. successful → _____
4. new → _____

Word bank :

old
small
last
unsuccessful

4 Look at the pictures and answer

Look at the two pictures and answer the questions.

A Picture A – Spider-Man

1. Who can you see in the picture?
2. What colour is Spider-Man?
3. Is Spider-Man a real person or a cartoon character?
4. Is the balloon big or small?

B Picture B – The float

5. What animal can you see on the float?
6. What is the animal wearing?
7. What colour are the dancers' clothes?
8. What are the people doing?
9. Are there many people in the street?

Bonus

What would you like to see at Macy's Parade? Why?

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