

Tickets for the Glastonbury Festival 2020 are all gone in 34 minutes

Elementary

1 Warmer

Match each famous place with the correct activity.

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| 1. La Scala, Milan | a. modern music |
| 2. Glastonbury | b. ballet |
| 3. Carnegie Hall, New York | c. classical and modern music |
| 4. the Bolshoi, Moscow | d. opera |
| 5. the Maracanã, Rio de Janeiro | e. sports |

2 Key words

Fill the gaps in the sentences with these key words from the text. The paragraph numbers will help you.

rumour

anniversary

stage

attend

rubbish

site

1. An _____ is a date when people celebrate something that happened on the same date in the past. (para 2)
2. If you _____ an event or activity, you go to it. (para 2)
3. A _____ is a place where something happens. (para 3)
4. A _____ is the part of a theatre or concert hall where actors or musicians perform. (para 3)
5. _____ is things that people throw away because they are not useful, such as old food, paper and empty containers. (para 3)
6. A _____ is unofficial information that may or may not be true. (para 4)

3 Find the information

Find the following information in the text as quickly as possible.

1. How many people registered to buy tickets for Glastonbury 2020?
2. How many people were able to buy tickets on Sunday, 6 October?
3. How much did tickets cost at the first Glastonbury Festival in 1970?
4. How much will tickets cost in 2020?
5. How many acts perform during the five days of the festival?
6. How much did it cost to remove all the rubbish from the site in 2016?

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- 1 The Glastonbury Festival in Somerset in the west of England is the biggest music and arts festival in the world. Tickets for the 2020 festival, which will take place from 24 to 28 June, all sold in just 34 minutes on Sunday, 6 October. More than 2.4 million people registered to buy tickets, but only 135,000 people were able to buy tickets.
- 2 The 2020 festival will be the 50th anniversary of the first Glastonbury Festival, which took place in September, 1970. Only 1,500 people attended that first festival, and tickets cost just £1. Tickets for the 2020 festival will cost £265 each. The total number of people at the festival will be around 175,000.
- 3 Michael Eavis had the idea for the first festival and it took place on his farm. Today, the festival site is enormous (around four square kilometres) and contains around 100 stages. More than 3,000 acts perform during the five days of the festival. 2,500 volunteers help to keep the site clean, and more than 1,800 people pick up rubbish after the festival has finished. In 2016, the cost of removing all the rubbish from the site was almost £800,000.
- 4 Since that first festival in 1970, many music stars have performed at the festival. They include David Bowie, who performed at the second festival in 1971 and again in 2000, R.E.M., Bruce Springsteen and Beyoncé. The star performer in 2019 was Stormzy. Which stars will be there in 2020? One of them is Diana Ross, but nobody knows the other names yet. Rumours say that Paul McCartney, Taylor Swift and Fleetwood Mac will perform at the festival.

4 Comprehension check

Match the beginnings to the endings to make statements about the text.

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| 1. The Glastonbury Festival is ... | a. ... around four square kilometres in size. |
| 2. The total number of people attending the 2020 festival ... | b. ... have performed at the Glastonbury Festival. |
| 3. The festival site is ... | c. ... the biggest music and arts festival in the world. |
| 4. Only 1,500 people ... | d. ... who will perform at Glastonbury 2020. |
| 5. Some of the most famous names in music ... | e. ... attended the first Glastonbury Festival in 1970. |
| 6. No one knows yet ... | f. ... will be around 175,000. |

5 Chunks

Rearrange the words to make phrases from the text.

1. than people 2.4 more million
2. for tickets festival 2020 the
3. five the during of days festival the
4. removing the all cost the of rubbish

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6 Two-word phrases

Match the words in the left-hand column with the words in the right-hand column to make expressions from the text.

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| 1. 50th | a. performer |
| 2. music | b. number |
| 3. star | c. anniversary |
| 4. total | d. festival |

7 Prepositions

Fill the gaps in the phrases using these prepositions.

of

in

for

around

- the biggest festival _____ the world
- _____ 175,000 people
- the 50th anniversary _____ the first festival
- tickets _____ the 2020 festival

8 Discussion

- What kind of music do you like?
- Do you like attending music festivals or concerts? Why? Why not?

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1. d
2. a
3. c
4. b
5. e

2 Key words

1. anniversary
2. attend
3. site
4. stage
5. rubbish
6. rumour

3 Find the information

1. more than 2.4 million
2. 135,000
3. £1
4. £265
5. more than 3,000
6. almost £800,000

4 Comprehension check

1. c
2. f
3. a
4. e
5. b
6. d

5 Chunks

1. more than 2.4 million people
2. tickets for the 2020 festival
3. during the five days of the festival
4. the cost of removing all the rubbish

6 Two-word phrases

1. c
2. d
3. a
4. b

7 Prepositions

1. in
2. around
3. of
4. for