[The Best Websites For Teaching & Learning About New Orleans](http://larryferlazzo.edublogs.org/2009/02/20/2008/09/01/the-best-websites-for-teaching-learning-about-new-orleans/).

Here are my choices for The Best Sites To Learn About Mardi Gras & Carnivals (and, of course, are accessible to English Language Learners):

[Fact Monster](http://www.factmonster.com/spot/mardigras1.html) has a relatively accessible explanations of the celebration.

The CBBC has a [short slideshow](http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews/hi/newsid_4750000/newsid_4752800/4752882.stm) of Carnivals throughout the world.

The New Orleans Times Picayune newspaper has [several online slideshows](http://photos.nola.com/category/4500/mardi_gras) about Mardis Gras.

You can see [a Mardi Gras video at the History Channel](http://www.history.com/videos/history-of-mardi-gras#history-of-mardi-gras).

The New York Times has a [Mardi Gras slideshow](http://www.nytimes.com/slideshow/2009/02/13/travel/escapes/0213-zulu_index.html) and a video showing the first Mardi Gras celebration that took place after the devastating Hurricane Katrina.

How Stuff Works has a [fair amount of text about Mardi Gras](http://people.howstuffworks.com/mardi-gras.htm).

There’s a huge Carnival that takes place in Brazil, and the Washington Post has a [slideshow on its preparations.](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/gallery/2009/02/18/GA2009021801595.html)

[Breaking News English](http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/0702/070219-rio_carnival.html) has a lesson, with audio support for the text, on the Brazilian Carnival.

MSNBC has a [slideshow about Rio de Janiero](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/15659836/displaymode/1107/s/2/), the location of the Brazilian Carnival.

The New York Times has a [slideshow about the celebration in Venice, Italy](http://www.nytimes.com/slideshow/2009/02/09/travel/0209-venice_index.html?scp=1&sq=venice&st=cse).

[Let The Carnival Begin!](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB123515625094435103.html) is a slideshow from The Wall Street Journal.

Here are some online videos from CBS News on the [Carnival in Venice, Italy](http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=4804733n%3fsource=search_video) and on the [Rio Carnivale](http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=3786181n%3fsource=search_video).

Here are a [photo gallery about various Carnival celebrations](http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2008/02/photogalleries/carnival-pictures/) from National Geographic.

[A Brief History of Mardi Gras](http://www.time.com/time/photogallery/0,29307,1881375,00.html?xid=rss-photoessays) is a new slideshow from TIME Magazine.

[Carnival](http://www.boston.com/bigpicture/2009/02/carnival.html) is the simple title of a collection from The Boston Globe’s Big Picture blog. It contains images from around the world.

Here’s a good [Internet Scavenger Hunt on New Orleans](http://home.earthlink.net/~lizneb/nopage.html).

ESL Pod has a [simple explanation of Mardi Gras](http://www.eslpod.com/eslpod_blog/2008/02/06/mardi-gras-ash-wednesday-lunar-new-year/).

ESL Holiday Lessons has a [simple Mardi Gras quiz](http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/02/mardi_gras-q.htm).

EL Civics has a [Mardi Gras Lesson](http://www.elcivics.com/mardi-gras-1.html).

Here’s a [downloadable PowerPoint on Mardi Gras](http://www.eslprintables.com/powerpoint.asp?id=7000).

The Wall Street Journal has a [slideshow about 2009’s Mardi Gras Celebration](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB123550471580362109.html?mod=article-outset-box), including violence that occurred.

[Rio’s Carnival](http://www.sacbee.com/static/weblogs/photos/2009/02/019970.html?mi_atom=The+Frame) is a series of photos from the Sacramento Bee.

The Bee also has a series of photos on [Mardi Gras](http://www.sacbee.com/static/weblogs/photos/2009/02/020027.html?mi_atom=The%20Frame).

The San Francisco Chronicle has a slideshow about the [Slovenian Mardi Gras](http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/g/a/2009/03/01/cityexposed.DTL).

[Germany Celebrates Carnival](http://www.reuters.com/news/video?videoId=99007) is a short video clip from Reuters.

[Carnival Around The Globe](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704820904575054961824731710.html) comes from The Wall Street Journal.

The Telegraph has a [slideshow about the Venice Carnival](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/picturegalleries/worldnews/7188319/Venice-Carnival-2010-masks-and-the-flight-of-the-angel-in-pictures.html).

UNESCO has a [video about the carnival in Croatia.](http://www.unesco.org/archives/multimedia/?s=films_details&id_page=33&id_film=327)

[Carnival 2010](http://www.boston.com/bigpicture/2010/02/carnival_2010.html) comes from The Big Picture.

[Rio de Janeiro carnival 2010: first night](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/picturegalleries/worldnews/7243204/Rio-de-Janeiro-carnival-2010-first-night.html) has pictures from The Telegraph.

Here’s a [Mardi Gras “Webquest.”](http://www.windsorct.org/SAGELMC/OFFTEAM/slate%20mardipp2/mardigras1/sld001.htm)  
 [Read about Mardi Gras](http://www.vrml.k12.la.us/cc/vp_gle/3rd/ss/interactive/unit3/mardigras/mardigras_quiz.htm) and answer some questions.

Here are a [zillion other Mardi Gras resources.](http://www.vrml.k12.la.us/holidays/mardigras/mardigras.htm)

CNN has a lot of [Mardi Gras videos.](http://www.cnn.com/search/?query=mardi%20gras&primaryType=mixed&sortBy=date&intl=false)

[Mardi Gras New Orleans Saints Style](http://www.time.com/time/photogallery/0,29307,1964575,00.html?xid=rss-photoessays&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+time%2Fphotoessays+(TIME%3A+Top+Photoessays)&utm_content=Google+Reader) is a slideshow from TIME Magazine.

[Carnival in Rio de Janeiro](http://www.sacbee.com/static/weblogs/photos/2010/02/carnival-in-rio-de-janeiro.html) is a series of photos from the Sacramento Bee.

[A Carnival Artist Without a Carnival](http://video.nytimes.com/video/2010/02/14/world/1247466998791/a-carnival-artist-without-a-carnival.html?nl=multimedia&emc=focusema3) is a video from The New York Times about a Haitian artist.  
 [Carnival celebrations around the world](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/35407818/ns/travel-picture_stories/displaymode/1247/?beginSlide=1) is a slideshow from MSNBC.

Here’s a [Mardi Gras video](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/21134540/vp/35429688#35429688) from MSNBC.

[Carnivals Come To A Close](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704804204575069753924984486.html) is a slideshow from The Wall Street Journal.

Here are photos from [San Francisco’s Carnaval parade](http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/object/article?f=/c/a/2010/05/30/BAAA1DN0Q6.DTL&o=0).

[Rio fire destroys thousands of Brazil carnival costumes](http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews/hi/newsid_9390000/newsid_9391100/9391138.stm) is from the CBBC Newsround.

[Carnival Around The World](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704288304576170863492193844.html) is a Wall Street Journal slideshow.

[Carnival season kicks off in Venice, Nice and Viareggio](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/travel/picturegalleries/8338654/Carnival-season-kicks-off-in-Venice-Nice-and-Viareggio.html) is a slideshow from The Telegraph.