

1 Read the text quickly and match the ideas (a–d) to the paragraphs (A–D).

- a The biggest music event in Asia \_\_\_\_\_
- b A music festival with a long history \_\_\_\_\_
- c From Brazil to the US \_\_\_\_\_
- d The best time of the year for music festivals \_\_\_\_\_

## Popular music festivals

### A

Listening to music is a hobby that can be enjoyed by all ages, races, and genders. Music festivals provide a great **platform** for fans to watch their favorite singers and bands in a single event. Summer is the season of music festivals worldwide. They **cater to** listeners of a wide variety of music genres, attracting big stars and large crowds. Here, we look at three of the top music festivals around the globe.

### B

The five-day Glastonbury Festival is one of the oldest and most popular music festivals in the UK, **dating back to** 1970. It is a festival with a difference. It has a multi-genre music line-up including pop, rock, indie, folk, and electronic, but also features other arts and entertainment like dance, theater, comedy, and circus. Fans can enjoy various activities during the day and camp out on its Somerset festival grounds at night. With big names in the music industry – Adele, Coldplay, Kanye West, Pharrell Williams, among others – this event can attract around 175,000 festival-goers every year!

### C

Fuji Rock, a three-day event held in Japan, is Asia's largest music festival, regularly **drawing** over 100,000 music lovers each year. The founders of Fuji Rock were inspired by the UK's Glastonbury Festival, and wanted to invent a similar event for Japan. In fact, Fuji Rock is sometimes referred to as "Japan's Glastonbury". Each year, the festival hosts a line-up of some of the most popular international rock bands. In celebration of its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, this year's line-up includes the Red Hot Chili Peppers from the US, Sigur Rós from Iceland, Courtney Barnett from Australia, and more!

### D

Rock in Rio is one of the largest pop music events in the world. As the name suggests, it began in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1985 and was introduced later in Lisbon, Madrid, and Las Vegas. Rock in Rio USA, to

be held **biennially** in Las Vegas, is the most recent addition and the only North American edition. Held over two weekends, the first event took place in 2015 and featured 120 performers! The guest singers included award-winning names like Bruno Mars, Sam Smith, Maroon 5, and Taylor Swift. Fans from different countries around the world are looking forward to the next Rock in Rio USA in 2017!

**2 Look at the words or phrases in bold in the text and match them to the definitions.**

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| <b>a</b> attracting someone to an event                    | _____ |
| <b>b</b> occurring once every two years                    | _____ |
| <b>c</b> beginning at a specific time in the past          | _____ |
| <b>d</b> provide something that people want                | _____ |
| <b>e</b> a place or an opportunity for something to happen | _____ |

**3 Read the text and check the sentences True (T) or False (F).**

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>a</b> Fans can enjoy at least five types of music at the Glastonbury Festival. | T <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>b</b> Fans can sleep at the Glastonbury Festival.                              | T <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>c</b> The Glastonbury Festival expanded to Japan and became Fuji Rock.         | T <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>d</b> Fuji Rock has been around for more than 30 years.                        | T <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>e</b> Rock in Rio USA is one of the oldest music festivals in the world.       | T <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> |