

BEHIND THE MASK

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SOME / ANY
HOW MUCH / HOW
MANY
PAST SIMPLE TENSE OF TO BE



Pre – reading activity

1. What do Slovene children put on for pusta? Do you make your own mask and costume or do you buy them?
2. When do American and British children put on their masks? (Hallowe'en) They go from house to house and shout "trick or treat". People usually say "treat" and give them sweets, toffee apples or even money. If they say "trick", children play a small trick.
3. What do you do for pusta? Do you go from house to house? Do Slovene children play the same game? Spot the differences.

Timi : It's February, the month of a carnival.
There are about 150 traditional masks in Slovenia. Did you know that? Some of them are very famous, like laufers from Cerklje, witches from Cerklje and kurenti from Ptuj.

Nika : Yes, I saw some kurenti last year at the carnival in Ptuj. There were many other masks like horses, bears, chickens, but the kurenti were the best. Their bells were so loud!

Timi : I know the legend about kurenti. Kurenti was the old pagan god of buckwheat and wine. In February people started to work in the fields, orchards and vineyards. It was time to get married.

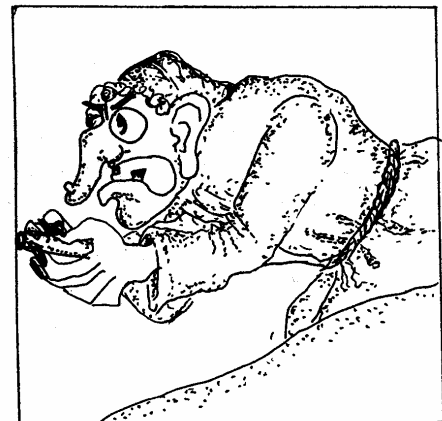
Nika: We still say that they bring spring and good harvest.

Timi: Well, they could bring me a five in maths, too.

Nika: Long ago the beginning of the year was in the spring. People put on masks and danced.

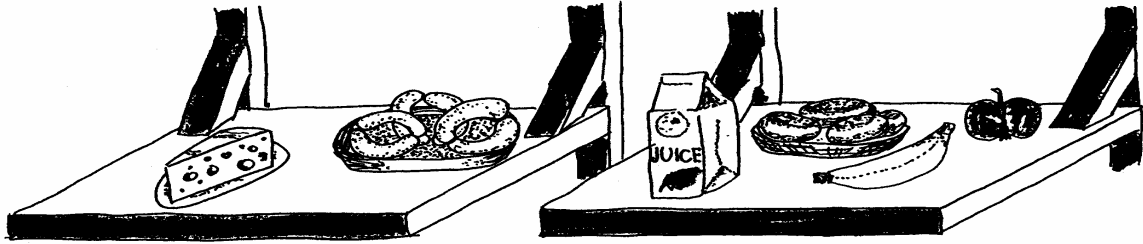
Nika: And the legend is that if you don't eat a lot during the carnival you will be hungry for the whole year. So people eat and drink a lot these days.

Timi: If this is the time for good food and masks, we could make some of these things. I've got my grandma's recipe for doughnuts. Let's go to the shop to buy the things we need!



1. Nika and Timi are at the shop. Find out what is different on the shelf B.

Complete the sentences.



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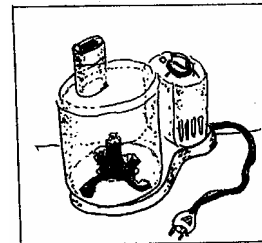
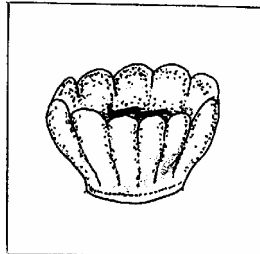
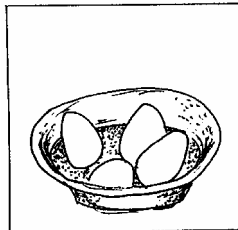
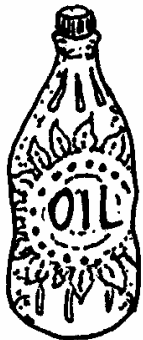
There is some

There are some

There isn' t any

There aren' t any

2. Nika and Timi want to make some doughnuts. What do they need and what don' t they need? Use a, an, some, any.



They need:

a bowl

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They don't need:

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3. Nika and Timi are making doughnuts. Complete their dialogue , use a/an, some, any.

Timi: Shall we make some doughnuts?

Nika: Yes, let's.

Timi: What do we need?

Nika: We need flour,yeast, and milk.

Timi: Do we need eggs and sugar?
 Nika: Yes. There is egg in the fridge, but we need 3 egg yolks.
 Timi: And we haven' t got sugar. Do we need salt?
 Nika: Yes, we do. Go to the shop again and buy
 eggs, sugar, and salt.
 Timi: And we need bowl and mixer, of course.
 Nika: What a clever boy! Hurry up now.
 Timi: OK! I' ll be back in a minute!

4. Spot the differences. Use the words from doughnuts and complete the text.



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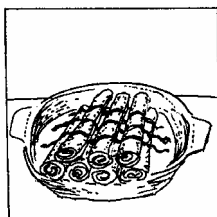
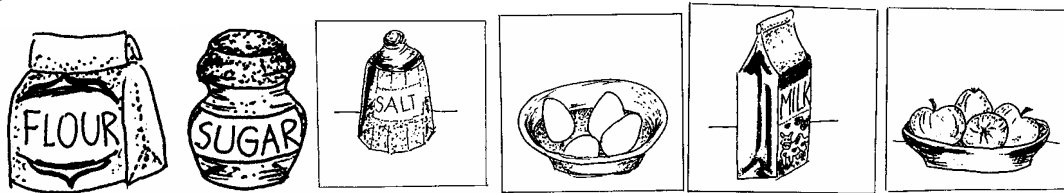
American don't have jam in them. They have a in the middle.

British have in them.

b) English marmalade is made from orange skin and jam is made from other fruit.

5. Nika and Timi can also make some other dishes. What do they need to prepare them? What don' t they need ? Use *some and any*.

pancakes



Nika needs some flour, some sugar, some salt and some eggs. She doesn't need any apples.

a burger



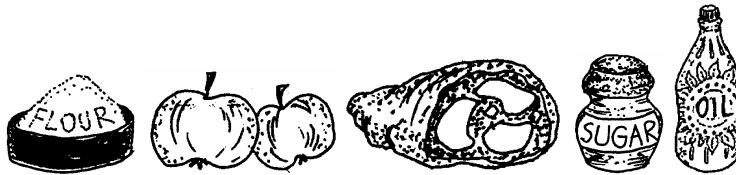
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a pizza



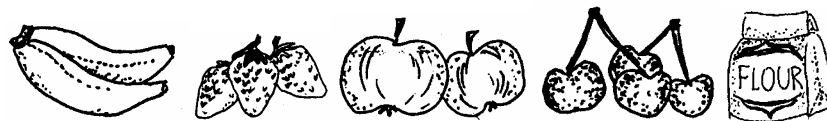
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Nika
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fruit salad



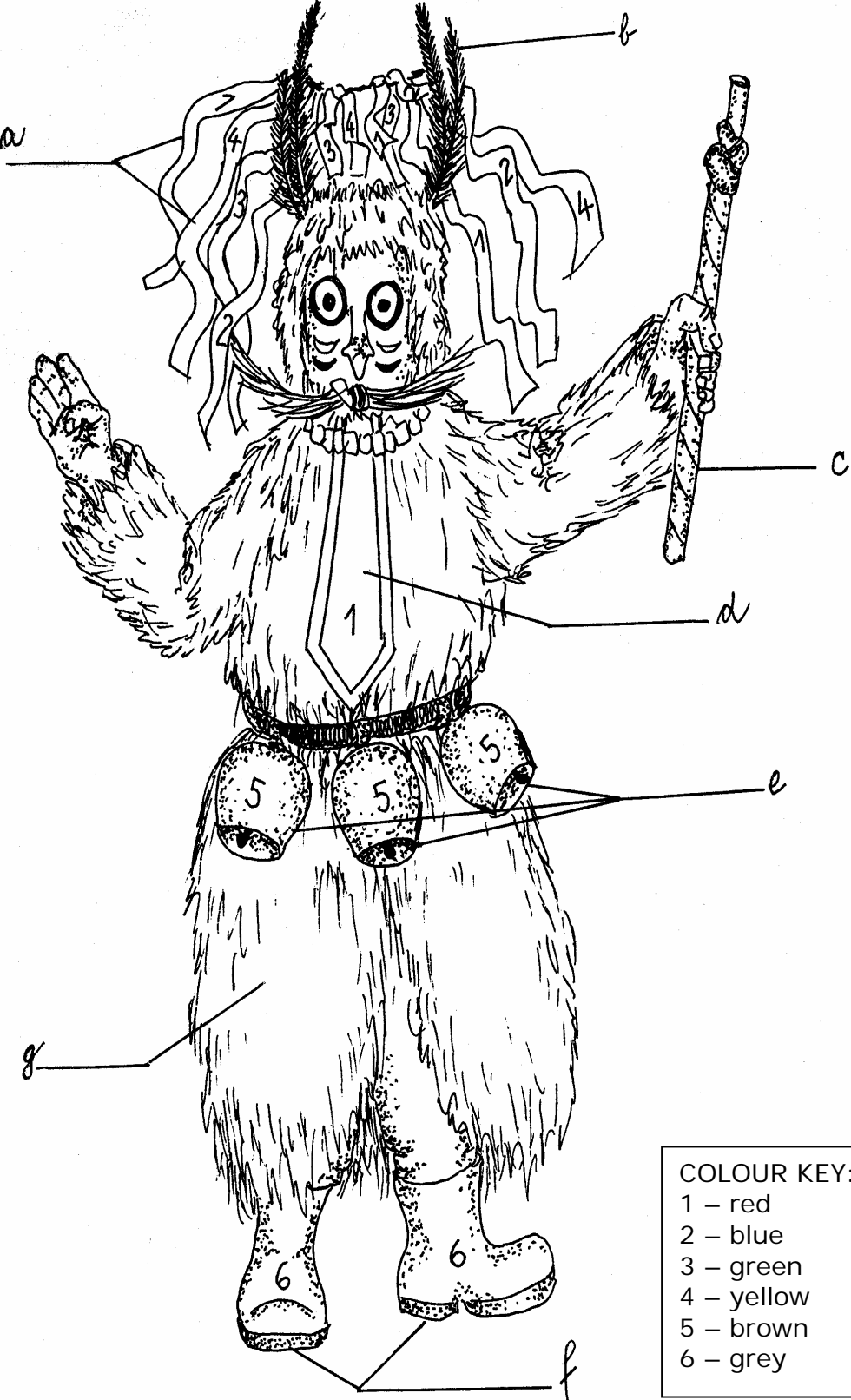
Timi
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6. Think about your favourite dish. Draw a picture of it and write what you need to make it.



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7. This is a kurent, a typical Slovene mask. Use the colour code below and colour the things.



8. Nika and Timi are making a kurent's mask and costume. Read some Nika's answers from their dialogue and complete Timi's questions. Use how much and how many:

Nika: We need some coloured ribbons.

Timi: do we need?

Nika: We need some red leather for the face and the tongue.

Timi: do we need?

Nika: We also need some hedgedhog skin for one end of the stick.

Timi: do we need?

Nika: We need some sheep's skin for the coat.

Timi: does it cost?

Nika: Have you got any bells?

Timi: do you need?

Nika: The mask has also got some raven and turkey feathers on each side of its head.

Timi: do we need?

9. Draw your own mask. How would you make it?



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10. Use the correct forms of the verb **to be** (**was, were**).

Nika at the carnival in Ptuj last year. There many different masks, but the kurents the best. Their bells so loud. Kurent the old pagan god of buckwheat and wine.

11. Read the text of Exercise 10 again and correct the following sentences.

1. Nika was at the carnival in Celje last year.
2. Nika wasn't at the carnival in Celje last year. She was at the carnival in Ptuj. The kurents were the worst.

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3. Their bells were very quiet.

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4. Kurent was the old pagan god of corn and water.

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12. Ask questions.

Timi was on holiday last month.

Where was he last month?

1. Nika was at the carneval last year.

When

2. Nika and Timi were at the local shop.

Where

3. The masks were very interesting.

What

13. Do you know? Read and write!



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