

**【 Before reading. 】**

The following pictures show the three main carnivals in the world.  
Which one attracts you most? Why? Talk about it with your classmates.

☆Rio Carnival, Brazil



☆Nice Carnival, France



☆Venice Carnival, Italy



**Rio Carnival—the most people taking part in**

**巴西里約嘉年華---最多人參與的盛會**

Have you ever been to a “very big” festival? How “big” do you think a carnival can be? Well, carnivals take place in cities all over the world but the largest and most famous one is the Carnival held in Rio, Brazil. The Rio Carnival takes place in February (sometimes in March) before Lent. Every year millions of people in the world fly into Rio to experience the magic and passion of this great event. They come to join the Brazilian people to celebrate life with a huge dance party—the Samba Parade.

Why is the carnival so popular and special? Besides its tradition and culture, the Rio Carnival has the Samba Schools which are geographical organizational groups in Rio. In order to present the best parade, these Schools spend the whole year preparing the show. They first choose a theme and then design wild Samba songs and dances to tell the theme story. Each Samba School also creates amazing floats and makes splendid costumes by hand. Over 200 Samba Schools show the world the