

Saudi prince spends \$19m on Disney party

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A Saudi Arabian prince spent close to \$20 million on a party at Euro Disney near Paris. Prince Fahd al-Saud booked a large area of the Disney resort for a party for himself and 60 guests. His

party lasted three days between 22-24 May. He invited many of his friends, as well as some big fans of Disney. Prince Fahd organised the party to celebrate graduating from university. Park officials told the AFP news agency about the prince's graduation party. They said there were special, "rare Disney characters" that do not usually appear in the Disney theme parks. They also said that the prince was one of their biggest customers, so they hired extra security staff to keep him safe while he had fun.

Euro Disney said it regularly arranges private parties for companies or people. The prince's party was the last event in a world tour called Disney Dreamers Everywhere, paid for by Prince Fahd. It started in Hong Kong and then moved to Tokyo, California, Florida and then France. Disney spokesman Julien Guedon said it was the first time someone had arranged such an amazing, private world tour. He told Britain's "Daily Telegraph" newspaper that he was not allowed to talk about the prince, although he did say the royal had fun at his three-day party at Euro Disney. He also said the prince helped to design some of the costumes and dance moves for the rare characters.

Sources: BBC / The Daily Telegraph

Writing

The Disney characters are the best in the world and are good for kids. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

prince / party / Disney / resort / guests / graduation / university / characters / security / world tour / Tokyo / California / Hong Kong / newspaper / costumes / dance moves

True / False

- There was a special Disney party in Saudi Arabia. T / F
- A Saudi Arabian prince invited 60 guests to his graduation party. T / F
- Some of the Disney characters at the party made a special appearance. T / F
- No security was needed to protect the prince and his guests. T / F
- The party was part of a world tour of Disney events. T / F
- This kind of world tour happens every year. T / F
- A newspaper gave many details about the prince and his guests. T / F
- The prince helped to design some of the characters' clothes. T / F

Synonym Match

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| 1. close | a. organises |
| 2. area | b. often |
| 3. lasted | c. section |
| 4. invited | d. near |
| 5. usually | e. permitted |
| 6. regularly | f. asked |
| 7. arranges | g. normally |
| 8. allowed | h. uncommon |
| 9. design | i. continued |
| 10. rare | j. plan |

Discussion – Student A

- Would you like a party at a Disney resort?
- What's your favourite theme park?
- What do you know about Walt Disney?
- What do you think of the prince spending \$20 million on a party?
- What are the good and bad things about Disney?
- What questions would you like to ask Mickey Mouse?
- What do you think his answers would be?
- Which is better, Pixar or Disney?

Phrase Match

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. spent close | a. private parties |
| 2. His party lasted | b. many of his friends |
| 3. He invited | c. tour |
| 4. celebrate graduating | d. to talk about the prince |
| 5. extra security staff | e. to \$20 million |
| 6. it regularly arranges | f. of the costumes |
| 7. world | g. from university |
| 8. he was not allowed | h. to keep him safe |
| 9. design some | i. characters |
| 10. rare | j. three days |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think of the prince's party?
- What party would you have for \$20 million?
- Is a Disney resort a good place for a 3-day party?
- What's the best way to celebrate graduation?
- Who is the best Disney character?
- What is the best Disney movie?
- Why do so many people like Disney?
- What questions would you like to ask the prince?

Spelling

- He nvteiid many of his friends
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Answers – Synonym Match

1. d	2. c	3. i	4. f	5. g
6. b	7. a	8. e	9. j	10. h

Role Play

Role A – Mickey Mouse

You think you are the best cartoon character ever. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with them. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Popeye, Bart Simpson or Superman.

Role B – Popeye

You think you are the best cartoon character ever. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with them. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Mickey Mouse, Bart Simpson or Superman.

Role C – Bart Simpson

You think you are the best cartoon character ever. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with them. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Popeye, Mickey Mouse or Superman.

Role D – Superman

You think you are the best cartoon character ever. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with them. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Popeye, Bart Simpson or Mickey Mouse.

Speaking

Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the ones you most want to visit at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Disney
- Universal Studios
- Harry Potter World
- Hello Kitty
- Safari World
- Lego Land
- Ferrari World
- Santa Claus Land

Answers – True False

a	F	b	T	c	T	d	F	e	T	f	F	g	F	h	T
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.