



Sisqo

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Let's party!

In July last year, fifteen-year-old Natalie from Oxford was thrilled to hear that she had won two tickets to meet her favourite pop stars at the pop concert of the year in London's Hyde Park.

'I'd entered a competition in the magazine *Pop Biz* just for fun and I was amazed when a man rang to say that I'd won two V.I.P. tickets to 'Party in the Park'. I hadn't been to an open-air pop concert before so it was a brilliant prize.



I invited my best friend Laura to come with me. On the morning of July 22nd I was really excited. I'd already woken twice during the night just thinking about it. Dad drove us to London and we met the people from the *Pop Biz* magazine. He gave us £20 to spend on souvenirs and things. There were lots of different bands all through the afternoon and evening. What a line-up of stars – Craig David, Samantha Mumba, Destiny's Child, Blue, Sisqo, Damage and Nelly Furtado.

The seats were really good. But the best part was going backstage to the V.I.P. lounge to meet the stars. Some of them didn't say very much but others chatted to us for quite a long time. I got autographs from all the boys in Damage and Blue. Laura had forgotten her autograph book so she used her programme instead. The atmosphere in the park was amazing. I think there were about five thousand people altogether. When it got dark at about eight o'clock, everyone lit candles and sang together. It was really magic. The concert finished at about 10.30 and Dad picked us up outside the tube station.

We didn't get back home until after midnight. Mum hadn't gone to bed because she wanted to hear all about the concert. She made us a big jug of hot chocolate and we sat and chatted for ages. It was the perfect end to a perfect day.'

Before you read

Have you ever been to an open-air pop concert? Which bands did you see? Would you like to go to one? Why?

6 Learn to learn

Skimreading

When you first look at a reading text, it is a good idea to skim through it quickly to note any names, places and dates. These will help you to get an idea of who and what the text is about, and when and where it is set.

7 Read

a) Skimread the text and find:

- 1 the name of the event
- 2 the name of a pop magazine
- 3 two people's names
- 4 where the event was
- 5 the names of three of the performers

b) Read and answer the questions.

- 1 What did Natalie win?
- 2 How did the girls get to Hyde Park?
- 3 What did Natalie notice about some of the stars?
- 4 Why did the girls like the V.I.P. lounge?
- 5 What was the perfect end to a perfect day?

8 Over to you

Plan a Party in the Park.

In pairs or groups plan your ideal time, place and line-up of star bands and performers for your fantasy Party in the Park.

9 Memory bank

Types of music

a) List as many different types of music as you can in two minutes.

b) Choose your favourite from your list. Then find the most popular types of music in your group.

Grammar flash

too many, too much, not enough

- There **are/were too many** people.
- There **is/was too much** noise.
- There **is/was (n t) enough** money to buy a hamburger.
- There **are/were (n t) enough** seats in the café.

Make rules about countable and uncountable nouns

We use *too many* with ... nouns, *too much* with ... nouns and *(not) enough* with both ... and ... nouns.

10 Practice

Rephrase the comments about an open-air pop concert, using *too much, too many* or *not enough*.

1 There were too many people.

 Six speech bubbles containing rephrasing tasks:

- 1 There were so many people! Over ten thousand!
- 2 There was a lot of folk music, which I don't like.
- 3 After half an hour all the mineral water sold out!
- 4 How many young children were there? At least half the audience!
- 5 There were only four toilets for the whole area.
- 6 There was a lot of time between each band. It was boring.