



## Shakespeare's Birthday Parade





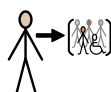
On Saturday, there is a special event taking place in Stratford town.



It is called the Shakespeare's Birthday Parade.

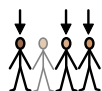
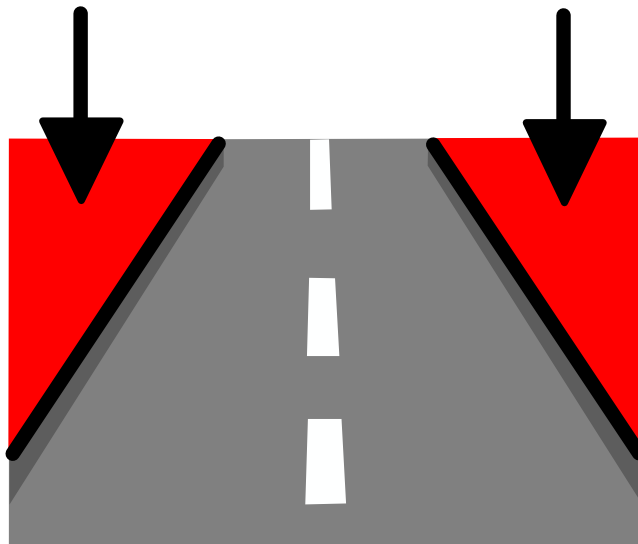


The parade starts in the morning.

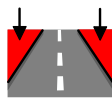


Many people go to watch or take part in the celebration.





When I arrive, lots of people may already be there.



People stand along both sides of the streets to watch the parade.

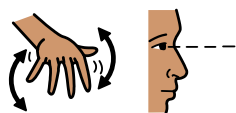
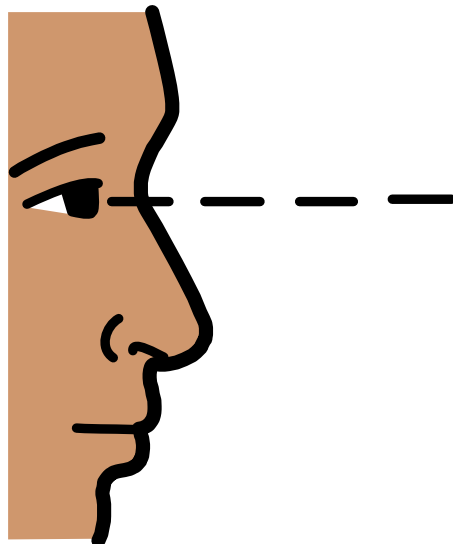


My trusted adult can help me know where to stand.








This helps me find a good place to watch the parade.





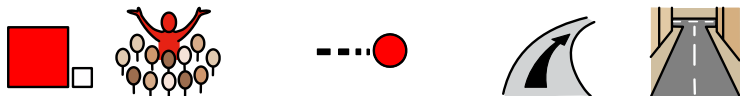
**I might see**

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 Children, families and community groups marching together.



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 Colourful flags and banners.




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 Large props that move slowly along the streets.



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 People wearing theatrical or historical clothes.












**I might hear**

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 People cheering, calling out or singing.

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 Brass bands and other musical bands playing.

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 Drums and fanfares at different times of the parade.

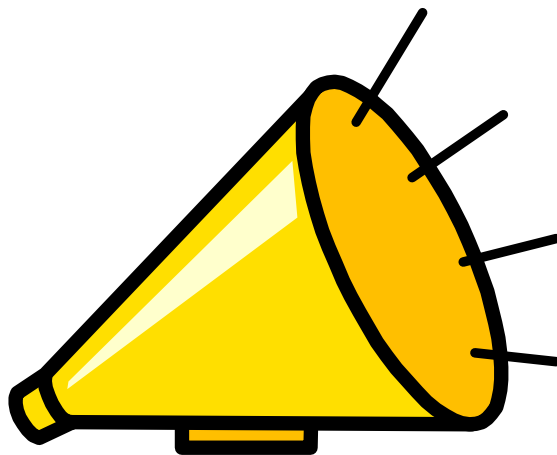
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 Some instruments, such as drums or trumpets, may sound loud.





There might be loud or unexpected sounds during the parade.

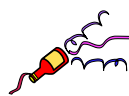
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For example, when drums start playing, or people sing loudly.

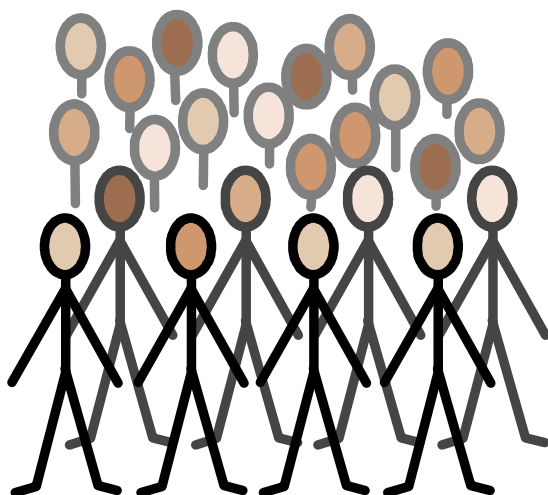


Town Criers might shout and call out loudly, inviting people to cheer.



Confetti cannons or streamers may be fired during the celebration.

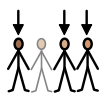




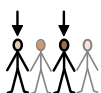
The parade route will follow the central streets.



There might be road closures to traffic and busy pavements.

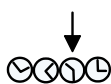
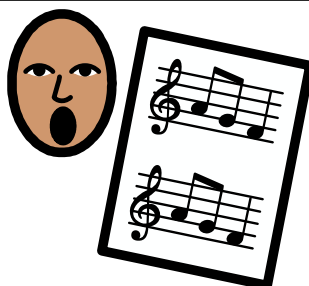


Many people may be standing close to each other.



Some people may walk slowly or want to stop and watch.

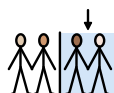
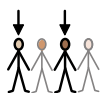




Sometimes a flag is unfurled.



During this time, The National Anthem is sung or played.

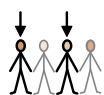
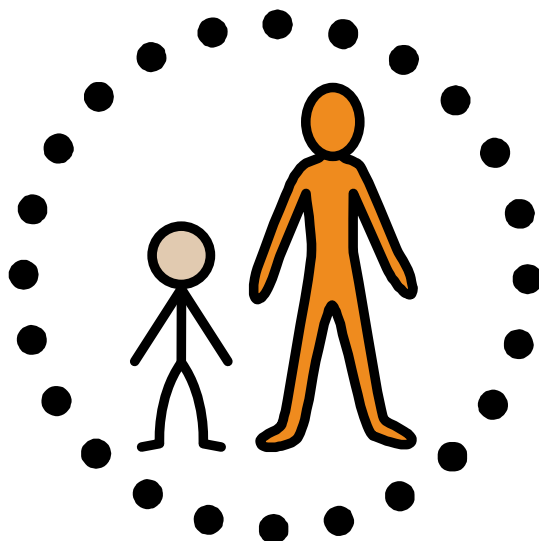


Some people stand still and listen, other people might sing along.

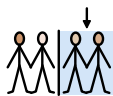


This may sound quiet at first and become louder.





Some people might walk with the parade towards the Holy Trinity Church.



Other people might decide to watch.

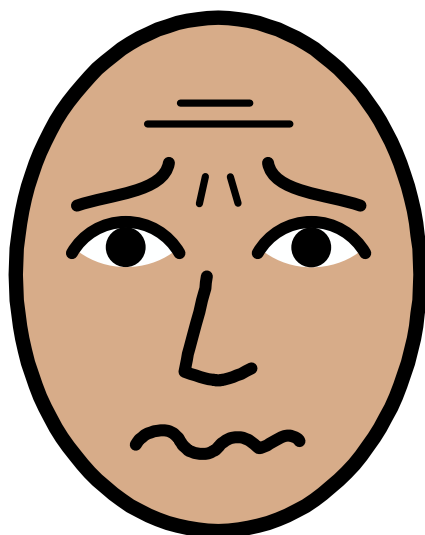


My trusted adult can help decide how we spend our time at the parade.





Staying close to my trusted adult helps me stay safe.


















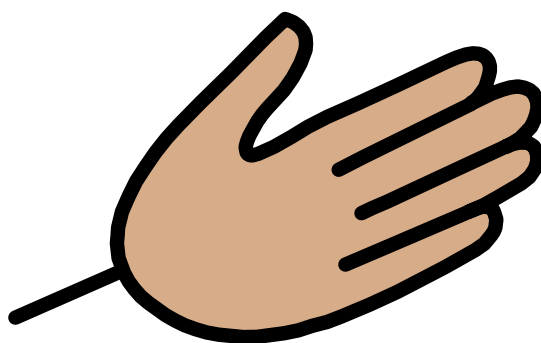
 Busy places can sometimes
 
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 overwhelming or tiring.
 




 These feelings are all okay.



 If it feels too crowded I can
 
 tell
 
 my
 
 trusted adult.




 They can help look for a
 
 quieter
 
 place to stand.
 

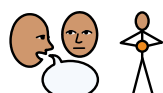




Some things might help me feel calmer or more comfortable.



These might include ear defenders, a familiar object or a snack.

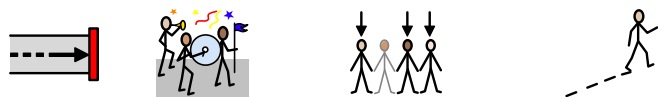
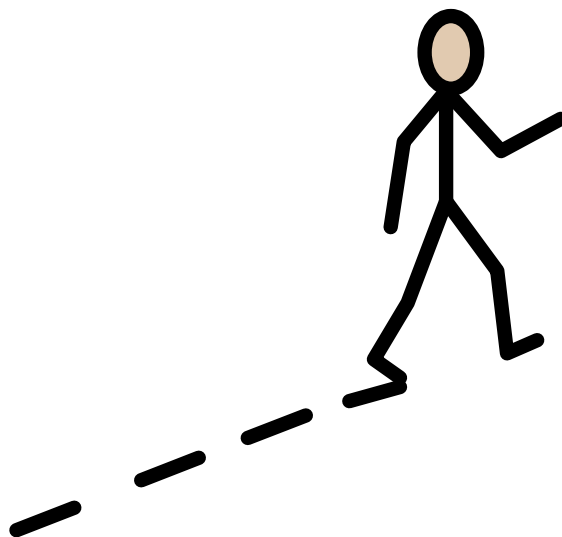


I may take breaks or talk to my trusted adult about how I am feeling.



My trusted adults help me feel safe.

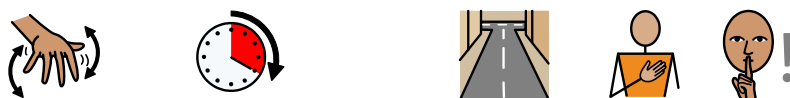




After the parade, many people begin to leave.



The streets might feel crowded and busy.



It might take some time for the streets to feel quieter again.



I can walk with my trusted adult and hold hands to stay safe.





This is what happens at the Shakespeare's Birthday Parade.

