

Lesson 26 Mud Day





Photographs from the annual Mud Day celebration in Westland, MI on Tuesday, July 7, 2009. (Photo by Bill Pugliano/Getty Images)

Activity 1: Read the story.

Westland, Mich., USA Every July, the town of Westland has a party. It is exciting for everyone! The town puts 200,000 kilograms of dirt in a park. Then workers put 75,000 liters of water on the dirt. Suddenly there is a big sea of mud.

A thousand children and teenagers run into the soft mud. Some try to swim in it. And some have mud fights. How do do the dirty kids get the mud off? First, fire fighters wash them with their hoses, and then the wet kids go home and take a bath.

Lauryn Jackson went to Mud Day this year with her younger brother. She pushed him into the mud and then put his face in it. "That was fun!" she said.

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Let's answer the questions!

- 1. How do the workers make the sea of mud?
- 2. What to the kids do in the mud?

Let's Talk!

- 1. What customs or festivals does your town celebrate?
- 2. What kind of parties or festivals are you interested in joining in the future?