

## 42. QUEBEC WINTER CARNIVAL

### Welcome song

**K:** Welcome to our fun learning radio broadcast with Kiki and Mr. Suits!  
This program was created in collaboration with Azyzah Educational and Interactive Theatre.

**S:** Nice to meet you friends!

**K:** Our question today is from Steve who is 11 years old from Cornwall in Canada.

**S:** Hi Kiki and Mr. Suits, could you tell us about the Quebec Winter Carnival in Canada?

**K:** Yes! Ready to learn about the Quebec Winter Carnival?

**S:** Let's go!

### Theme

**S:** Oh, I am so excited about this year's Quebec Winter Carnival, Kiki! Come on, we have to get started.

**K:** What do you mean?

**S:** We are going to help build the biggest ice castle in the world!

**K:** Wow, awesome! Where?

**S:** In Quebec City.

**K:** Right! The Quebec Winter Carnival started all the way back in 1894. Every year there is a huge parade and a masked ball.

**S:** Millions of people visit. - Let's get started!

**K:** What do we need?

**S:** We need icy bricks - thousands and thousands of them.

**K:** Whoa. How long do we have to build the ice castle?

**S:** 55 days.

**K:** Oho, no way!

**S:** Don't worry, Kiki. Lots of people help out.

**K:** Ok. We will have to make beds, doors, roofs.

**S:** ō tables, chairs, sofas... All out of ice and snow!

**K:** 30 000 tons of snow! - And ō if you put your tongue to the walls, it will not stick.

**S:** That happened to me as a kid.

**K:** Haha, not surprising. But here they use special, super clear water.

**S:** Cool! I can't wait to test that ō And people can even get married and sleep there.

**K:** And they don't freeze? Magic!

**S:** There's an ice adventure park, too. With slides, ice sculptures and everything!

**K:** Yes ō Lots and lots of work!

**S:** See you there friends, it is going to be the best snow party ever!

## Story

**S:** Woo-hoo! It's story time ō

**K:** Today's story is about Bonhomme Carnaval, the friendly mascot of the Quebec Winter Carnival. He is a very tall snowman who wears a red hat and a red scarf around his waist.

**(S) BONHOMME:** *Carnaval, mardi gras, carnaval. À Québec c'est tout un festival.*

**K:** Bonhomme Carnaval likes to sing and dance. But was it always like that?

**(S) BONHOMME:** Growing up, I didn't want to be a snowman. My dad wasn't very jolly about that.

**(K) DAD:** Son, we are all snowmen in the family. You must continue the tradition.

**(S) BONHOMME:** But I want to explore the world, *papa*, help people!

**K:** Then he discovered he had a gift.

**(S) BONHOMME:** Everyone I meet, children, adults, boys, girls ō Everyone smiles and laughs as soon as they see me. I don't even have to do anything. Hahaha! It's like magic!

**K:** Every year, he brings magic to the carnival, giving joy to people.

**(S) BONHOMME:** I love *le carnaval*. I'm always so sad when it ends.

**K:** So what does he do for the rest of the year?

**(S) BONHOMME:** I find other ways to make people happy. I work in a donut shop. Yum, yum, yum! So much joy there!

**K:** But the carnival is still his loveõ

**(S) BONHOMME:** Every new morning is one day closer to the next *carnaval*.  
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THE END

**Goodbye song**