

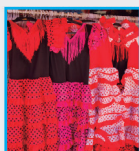
Andalusian festivals



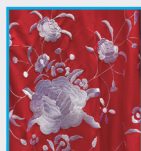
Vocabulary

Festivals

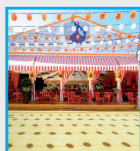
flamenco dress



flamenco shawl



marquee



fireworks



trumpet



drum



cape



bullfighting



amusement park



float – a vehicle or platform carried in a procession - usually with statues or displays

procession – a large group of people moving through the streets to celebrate or commemorate an event

Easter – the christian festival commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ

Holy Week – the week before the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ

incense – a substance that produces a sweet smell when it is burned - often used in religious ceremonies

1 Reorder the letters to make vocabulary related to festivals.

- 1 e . p . a . c
- 2 n . s . i . e . e . c . n
- 3 i . r . p . c . e . s . n . o . s . o
- 4 s . e . r . t . a . e
- 5 k . w . r . e . o . i . f . r . s
- 6 r . u . d . m
- 7 r . t . p . m . e . t . u
- 8 u . q . m . r . e . a . e

2 Match the word (1-8) to its definition (A-H).

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|------------------|------------------|
| 1 flamenco shawl | 5 drum |
| 2 marquee | 6 fireworks |
| 3 trumpet | 7 flamenco dress |
| 4 amusement park | 8 cape |

- A** a percussion instrument that is played by hitting it with a stick
- B** an item of clothing that women wear and that covers the whole body
- C** a decorative item of clothing worn around the shoulders by women
- D** something that produces beautiful, colourful explosions in the sky
- E** a temporary outdoor structure for eating or celebrating in
- F** a wind instrument
- G** a piece of fabric that is tied around the neck and covers the back
- H** a place where there are rides, roller coasters and other fun attractions

3 Choose the correct word to complete the sentence.

- 1 In Seville's April festival, friends and families eat, drink and dance in their own **marquees** / **drums**.
- 2 **Bullfighting** / **Procession** is very popular in some parts of Spain but it is prohibited in other parts.
- 3 **Incense** / **Fireworks** is burned in church and it gives off a very beautiful smell.
- 4 The Nazarenos wear robes and **capas** / **flamenco shawls** as well as colourful pointy hats that cover their faces.
- 5 To play the **trumpet** / **drums**, you have to blow very hard.
- 6 My favourite ride at the **amusement park** / **float** is the big wheel - I love the views from the top.

Grammar

Adjectives ending with -ed and -ing

We use adjectives ending in **-ed** to talk about feelings. For example:

I'm **interested** in seeing the patios of Cordoba in May.
I was really **surprised** by how busy Malaga was in August.
The fireworks at the end of Seville's April Fair were so loud so I was quite **scared**.
I was really **disappointed** to miss the Columbus festivals of Huelva last year.
I'm really **excited** to learn how to dance flamenco.

Adjectives ending in **-ing** describe a person, thing or experience, or how it makes us feel. For example:

It was a really **exciting** bullfight. (The bullfight made me feel excited).
2020 was a **boring** year because all of the festivals were cancelled.
The Jerez Motorbike Race was **terrifying** - all of the bikes went so fast.

1 Reorder the letters to make adjectives ending in -ed and -ing.

- 1 a z · i · a · m · n · g
- 2 o · n · y · d · e · a · n
- 3 r · e · d · i · t
- 4 p · d · e · s · i · s · n · r · e · g
- 5 r · i · g · r · p · s · i · n · u
- 6 i · r · h · g · e · t · d · e · n · f
- 7 e · t · e · s · r · g · t · i · n · i · n
- 8 f · s · c · n · o · u · s · e · d



2 Put the phrases with the adjectives into the correct group.

she was really scared · a really frightening bull · a tiring procession · a bored tourist · an exciting firework display · a thrilling race · we felt tired · disappointing decorations · a terrifying ride · we were frightened · I was excited · an astonishing number of people

How someone feels

The effect of someone or something on other people

3 Match the questions (1-6) and answers (A-F).

- 1 How were your friends after they spent the night dancing Sevillanas?
 - 2 Will she be happy when all the festivities are over?
 - 3 Did your parents enjoy their first time at Corpus Christi?
 - 4 What did she think of the horse festival in Jerez?
 - 5 Did you enjoy the fire jumping at San Juan?
 - 6 What did he think of seeing his father trying to dance Flamenco?
- A No, I'm sure she'll be quite depressed.
B Well, to be honest I was absolutely terrified!
C He said it was really embarrassing.
D Yes, I think they found it fascinating.
E They seemed quite tired.
F She said it was amazing.

Reading

1 Read the article and answer the questions true or false.

A fantastic week in Seville

Seville's April Fair is famous around the world and I couldn't wait to experience it for myself. In the end, the reality was even better than I had expected; one week of eating, drinking and dancing with some of the friendliest people I had ever met! Seville is a beautiful, historical city and during the spring is filled with the rich smells of the orange blossom and the sounds of traditional Sevillian folk music.

My first impression of the festival was how colourful everything was - from the bright lights of the Calle de Inferno amusement park to the beautiful flamenco dresses and shawls worn by the women. There are hundreds of striped marquees and I was invited into some of these to dance Sevillanas. Unfortunately, I'm not a very good dancer but the locals were very kind and taught me some of the basics. A kind man even lent me his jacket and hat so I could feel like a true Sevillano while I was dancing!

They save the best for last in the April Fair with a huge firework display on Sunday night. I was very sad to see it all end but I had a fantastic time and made some great new friends and I have already booked my flights and accommodation for next year!

- 1 The writer anticipated that the fair would be better.
True / False
- 2 The first thing the writer noticed was the colours.
True / False
- 3 The writer already knew the basics of dancing Sevillanas.
True / False
- 4 The writer went to the fair with his own hat and jacket.
True / False
- 5 The best part of the festival was the dancing.
True / False



2 Choose the correct words from the box to complete the sentences.

trumpets · streets · hats · incense · processions · honey · Easter · experience

Easter in Andalusia

Holy week in the towns of Andalusia is not like anything you've ever experienced before and it's something that everyone should experience at least once in their lives. There are performances of scenes from the Bible, marching bands playing drums, 1....., some delicious sweets made with milk and 2..... . But the most famous part of Holy Week are the huge floats carrying statues of Jesus and Virgins through the 3..... .

The processions of floats are led by Nazarenos who are men dressed in robes and capes with distinctive cone-shaped 4..... - a really fascinating costume. There is a strong smell of 5..... in the air and spectators can hear the singing of beautiful saetas. 6..... are often quite long and very hard work for those who carry the floats as they go through the main streets of the town.

In many parts of the world, 7..... is just about chocolate eggs but in Andalusia, the Holy Week processions remind everyone of the original meaning of this festival before it became commercialised. It can be a very emotional 8..... .



3 Re-read the text and choose the correct answer for each question.

- Who does the writer say should experience Holy Week in Andalusia?
A everybody
B Andalusians
C religious people
- What is the most well-known aspect of Holy Week?
A the sweets
B the floats
C the music
- The writer thinks that the Nazarenos' costume is...
A interesting
B beautiful
C strange
- According to the article, carrying the float is...
A fun
B difficult
C easy
- The writer thinks that Holy Week in Andalusia is...
A commercialised
B all about chocolate
C emotional

Listening

1 Listen to James and Sarah planning their holiday. Which places are they visiting?



2 Listen again and answer 5 multiple choice questions.

- James and Sarah's first destination is
A Ronda
B Malaga
C Granada
- Why are they going to the mountain village?
A to go horse riding
B to see the processions
C to see the architecture
- What most interests James about the Easter celebrations?
A the traditional clothes
B the music
C the statues
- What does Sarah want to do in Cadiz?
A learn to surf
B explore the city
C go to the beach
- What does James need to do before they go to Granada?
A get tickets for the Alhambra
B reserve a guide for the Alhambra
C reserve a hotel



Writing

1 You want your friend to come to a festival with you. Write an email to your friend explaining:

- What the festival is
- Where and when it happens
- What you can do there

Write 25 words or more.



2 Write a response to the question.

What is the best festival you have been to? What was special about it?

Write 25 words or more.



Speaking

1 Look at the photo and describe what you see.



2 Answer the questions.

Which festivals have you been to?
What did you do there? / What was your favourite part?
What are your favourite activities to do at festivals?

Now let's talk about Christmas

Where do you usually spend Christmas?
What do you usually eat?
Who do you see during the Christmas period?

