

## Why are festivals cultural events?

### Activities

#### Before you start

Answer the following questions:

- \* What typical festivals from Argentina do you know? Do you participate in any of them?
- \* Do you know any interesting festivals from around the world? Which one/s?
- \* What can you see in the pictures below?



**Pista:** Recordá que al final de la ficha encontrarás **la clave de respuestas** de las actividades para revisar tu trabajo.

1. Match pictures (a-c) with these festivals: **Rio de Janeiro Carnival - Harbin Ice Festival - Chinese New Year.**



a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_ c. \_\_\_\_\_



**Pista:** Antes de leer un texto, analizar algunos de sus elementos (como títulos, imágenes u otros) te puede servir para familiarizarte con la temática y con el tipo de texto que vas a leer. A estos elementos que acompañan un texto principal se los denomina **paratexto**.

2. Look at the **paratext** of the following article and answer these questions:

- a. What is the title of the article?
- b. What are the titles of the different paragraphs?
- c. What can you see in the picture?

### Festivals Around the World

For this tour, we are going to some fantastic celebrations. We will travel to many different nations. Each festival has traditions that people hold dear. They all have in common the theme of 'good cheer'!

#### Diwali

Diwali is from India and is also known as the Festival of Lights, marked by fireworks, lanterns and lamps which illuminate the night. For Hindus, Buddhists and Sikhs, this is a very important date, reminding all that light triumphs over dark, and love triumphs over hate.



### Rangoli

Rangoli are patterns made out of flour, petals or colored sand. These arrangements lie on the floor and are completed by hand. These lucky designs are passed down through generations. The women of the family are responsible for these intricate creations.

### Each day

Each day of Diwali has its own myth or tale to tell. The first day celebrates a demon's return to hell. Day two praises Lakshmi when she is in her most benevolent mood\*. And day three, sisters invite brothers over to share some food.

### Lights

The most important part of Diwali is, of course, the lights, which are used to drive away\*\* the darkness enveloping the night. The light inspires all to commit\*\*\* to good deeds\*\*\*\*, keep an eye out for others and look after their needs.

### Fireworks

The fireworks signal to the gods our sheer delight about living on Earth under their benevolent might. These colors and lights show our sincere gratitude. Our faith, joy and hope explosively renewed!

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Adapted version from "[Festivals Around the World](https://bit.ly/3jPkevS)"  
(<https://bit.ly/3jPkevS>)

\*mood: estado de ánimo \*\*drive away: alejar  
\*\*\*commit: comprometerse \*\*\*\*deeds: acciones



**Pista:** ¿Sabías que en inglés existen palabras que son parecidas al castellano? Se las llama **palabras transparentes** e identificarlas mientras lees un texto te va a ayudar a comprenderlo porque vas a poder asociarlas con el castellano. Por ejemplo, **festivals, traditions y nations** son **palabras transparentes** que se mencionan en el texto anterior.

3. Read the article and write 10 transparent words from the text.

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4. Read the article again and tick ✓ the right option (a, b or c) in the following sentences. Underline the information in the text to justify your answers. Look at the example below.

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1. Diwali celebrates...

- a. the beginning of a new year.
- b. the victory of love in a hostile world. ✓
- c. the importance of respect among cultures.

2. Rangoli are...

- a. types of food.
- b. items of clothing.
- c. special decorations.

3. Which sentence is false?

- a. People don't eat during this festival.
- b. People tell stories during this festival.
- c. People think about demons during this festival.

4. The most important aspect of Diwali...

- a. the food.
- b. the lights.
- c. the stories.

5. Which sentence is true?

- a. Fireworks represent values.
- b. Fireworks represent friends.
- c. Fireworks represent religions.

6. What is the purpose of the article?

- a. To explain the origins of a festival.
- b. To tell stories related to a festival.
- c. To describe a festival.

### Before you finish

Write a short description about a festival from Argentina or from another country. You can use these questions as a guide:



- 1) What is the name of the festival?
- 2) Where/When does the festival take place?
- 3) What do people wear?
- 4) What do people eat?
- 5) Do people dance or play any musical instruments?
- 6) What special activities do people organize?
- 7) What other important details would you like to include in the description?



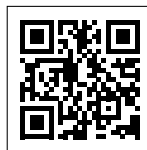
**Pista:** Para organizar el **proceso de escritura**, te sugerimos que dividas tu trabajo por etapas hasta llegar a la producción final. Por ejemplo, podés comenzar tomando nota de algunas ideas sobre el tema que vas a escribir, y luego empezar a redactar los borradores hasta llegar a la producción final.

### Further practice

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**Keys for correction: 1)** a. Chinese New Year; b. Harbin Ice Festival; c. Rio de Janeiro Carnival. **2)** a. Festivals Around the World; b. Diwali; Rangoli; Each day; Lights; Fireworks. **4)** 2.c; 3.a; 4.b; 5.a; 6.c.