

## What are your favourite festivals?

Before you start, answer the following questions:

- What Argentinian festivals do you know? What do people do in these festivals?



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

1. Match the pictures below with these festivals **Holi: The Festival of Colours - The Carnival of Venice - Día de los Muertos** and countries: **Italy - Mexico - India**.



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

2. Paul is a Canadian journalist who writes a travel blog in his free time. Here are some pictures published on his blog. What can you see in the pictures?



- a. Name of festival: \_\_\_\_\_

- b. Country: \_\_\_\_\_

- c. Name of festival: \_\_\_\_\_

- d. Country: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Here is Paul's answer to one of his followers asking him for more information about the festivals from the pictures. Complete the **options (a-d)** below the pictures from the **previous activity** with the correct information.

*Well, both festivals are amazing! The Sand Sculpture Festival takes place in a small town called Lagoa in Portugal. The Songkran Water Festival marks the beginning of New Year in Thailand and it is celebrated all over the country. That's why the water festival is bigger than the sculpture festival. I think that the water festival is crazier than the sculpture festival because people walk around their neighbourhoods soaking each other by using water pistols or throwing buckets of water. Now, from an artistic point of view, the Sand Sculpture Festival is more creative than the Songkran Water Festival because lots of artists from all over the world meet and build awesome sculptures by using some special and sophisticated construction techniques.*

4. Read Paul's comment again and answer the following questions. Underline the information in the text to justify your answer.

- a. What do Thai people celebrate in the Songkran Water Festival?
- b. How do artists create the sculptures in the Sand Sculpture Festival?



**Pista:** En su respuesta a un seguidor, Paul **compara** dos festivales. Mirá cómo se forman los **adjetivos comparativos** en inglés. \* Adjetivo de una sílaba: **small > smaller + than**. \* Adjetivo de una sílaba, que termina en consonante + vocal + consonante, se duplica la última consonante: **big > bigger + than**. \* Adjetivo de una o dos sílabas, que termina en consonante + "y": **shy > shier + than; crazy > crazier + than**. \* Adjetivo de más de una sílaba: **interesting > more interesting + than**. \* Adjetivos irregulares "good" y "bad": **good > better + than; bad > worse + than**. Te sugerimos que también revise otras reglas para formar comparativos.

5. Read Paul's comment again and decide if the following sentences are true or false. Underline the information in the text to justify your answers.

- a. The Sand Sculpture Festival is smaller than the Songkran Water Festival.
- b. Paul thinks that the sculpture festival is more boring than the water festival.
- c. The Sand Sculpture Festival is original and innovative.
- d. Lagoa is a big city in Portugal.
- e. Thai people don't celebrate the Songkran Water Festival in the capital city of Thailand.

6. In one section of his blog, Paul gives some useful travel tips.

Complete the following sentences with the correct form of the adjectives.

- When you go on an excursion, take a bottle of water. Remember that drinking water is **a) healthier than (healthy)** drinking fizzy drinks.
- Don't forget to take your mobile phone or camera! Sometimes, taking pictures with a mobile phone is **b) \_\_\_\_\_ (practical)** using a camera.
- I think that travelling by train is **c) \_\_\_\_\_ (comfortable)** travelling by bus. Also, in most cases, travelling by train is **d) \_\_\_\_\_ (fast)** travelling by bus.
- A good way to save up money while you travel is by staying at campsites. Camping is much **e) \_\_\_\_\_ (cheap)** staying at a hotel.
- In my opinion, travelling by bus is **f) \_\_\_\_\_ (tiring)** travelling by plane. Remember that buying bus tickets is **g) \_\_\_\_\_ (easy)** buying plane tickets.

7. Paul is on holiday in London. He's having a WhatsApp video call with a friend. They're talking about their plans for the weekend. Read the conversation and complete the gaps with these sentences: **That's a great idea! - Are you going to wear a costume? - Why don't we see some options in an online costume shop? - Would you like to go to the festival with me? - How about borrowing\* my father's white coats?** (\*borrow: pedir prestado)

**Paul:** What are you going to do on Saturday?

**Steve:** I'm going to visit some friends in the afternoon. After that, I want to go to the Notting Hill Carnival.

a. \_\_\_\_\_

**Paul:** Yeah! That'd be great. I love festivals! **b.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Steve:** No, I'm not.

**Paul:** How come? Carnival dress up is so much fun!

**Steve:** I just don't know what to wear.

**Paul:** **c.** \_\_\_\_\_ I'm sure we can find some cool costumes there.

**Steve:** Yes, but costumes are very expensive!


**Paul:** I know! I have a better idea! Let's make the costumes ourselves!

**Steve:** Ourselves? Are you out of your mind? I don't know anything about making costumes.

**Paul:** Well... Then... What do you suggest?

**Steve:** **d. How about borrowing my father's white coats?** He doesn't work on Saturdays. We can dress up as doctors. What do you think?

**Paul:** **e.** \_\_\_\_\_ I'm in!

 **Pista:** En inglés, para hablar de planes o intenciones en el futuro usamos **am/is/are** o **am not/isn't/aren't + going to + el verbo en infinitivo**. Leé los siguientes ejemplos: 1) What **are you going to do** on Saturday? 2) **I'm going to visit** some friends in the afternoon. 3) **Are you going to wear** a costume? 4) No, **I'm not**.

8. Imagine your best friend lives in London and you're going to travel there on holiday. What are you going to do together? Talk about your plans.

Here is a video about the Notting Hill Carnival celebrated in 2015. Scan the QR code to watch the video.



Notting Hill Carnival.

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9. Watch the video from **0:00** to **1:10** and make a list of the written words that appear in the first part of the video. Then write the words next to the correct definitions below. (Source: Cambridge Dictionary).
- \_\_\_\_\_ : the set of clothes typical of a particular country or period of history, or suitable for a particular activity.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ : to put on a piece of clothing.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ : a lot of rain falling in a short time.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ : someone who dances, drinks, sings, etc. at a party or in public, especially in a noisy way.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ : a piece or several pieces of electronic equipment that can be used to play music from recordings, radio broadcasts, etc.
10. Watch the rest of the video and decide if the following sentences are true or false.
- The Notting Hill Carnival took place in England.
  - People wore white and black costumes.
  - The Carnival lasted three days.
  - A lot of people attended the carnival.

### Before you finish

Write a comment in Paul's blog about two festivals that you like or find interesting. Describe the festivals and compare them. Explain why you like them or find them interesting.



### Further practice

Read the following article “Top 10 London Summer Festivals” and answer these questions: What festivals do you find interesting? Why? Source: Tootbus.



*Top 10 London Summer Festivals*

Tootbus

<https://bit.ly/3nKjA4y>

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**Keys for correction: 1)** a. Día de los Muertos / Mexico b. Holi: The Festival of Colours / India c. The Carnival of Venice / Italy **3)** a. The Songkran Water Festival b. Thailand c. The Sand Sculpture Festival d. Portugal **4)** a. They celebrate the beginning of New Year. b. They create the sculptures by using some special and sophisticated construction techniques. **5)** a.T; b.F; c.T; d.F; e.F **6)** a. healthier than; b. more practical than; c. more comfortable than; d. faster than; e. cheaper than; f. more tiring than; g. easier than **7)** a. Would you like to go to the festival with me? b. Are you going to wear a costume? c. Why don't we see some options in an online costume shop? d. How about borrowing my father's white coats? e. That's a great idea! **9)** a. costume; b. don; c. downpour; d. reveller; e. sound system **10)** a.T; b.F; c.F; d.T