

Navidad en España



Reading

You are going to read two different texts about Spanish Christmas traditions.

1. Working with a partner or in groups of three, try and predict what kinds of words will be in the text. Once you have made up your word list in English, find out how you would say them in Spanish, using a dictionary to help you, and make a glossary.
2. In your group, read the two texts ***Las costumbres de Navidad en España*** and ***Comida de Navidad en España***, and highlight familiar words in green; cognates in orange; and unfamiliar words in red. You should not highlight any more than 10 words in red.
3. Look up the red words in the dictionary and add them to your glossary.
4. Make up 5 questions in English about each passage and pass them to another group to see if they can answer them.
5. Write a summary of each text in English
6. Do the odd man out activity. Look carefully at each group of words and, as a group, decide which word is the odd man out. You must give a reason for your answer. You can make up a similar puzzle for another group to try out.

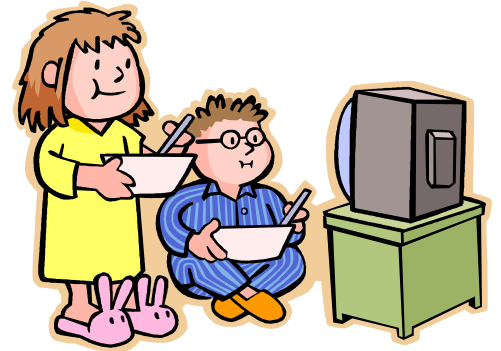
Find the odd man out					Reason
confundirse	quedarse	se reúne	disfrutar	levantarse	
tendrán	comen	reciben	tienen	descubren	
el próximo día	el día antes	primero	sin embargo	de vez en cuando	
la gente	el día	la costumbre	las ciudades	la noche	
antes	al	para	con	pero	

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Listening

Watch the video about Christmas in Spain

www.youtube.com/watch?v=BYpnD72GPAg



1. Working with a partner or in groups of three, spread out the laminated words in front of you. When you hear the word being mentioned on the video, grab it. The person with the most words at the end wins.
2. You have now been given the text you have just heard, but it is not in the correct order. Working with your group, put the text into the correct order.
3. You have been given part of the text you have just heard but certain words are missing. Choose the correct word from the choices given to complete the text.
4. Write a paragraph in 40 words exactly – no more no less – about the differences between Spanish and Scottish Christmas traditions based on what you have read in the texts and heard on the video.

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Writing

You are now going to write your own version about Scottish Christmas traditions in Spanish. You can use the texts you have read to help you organise your ideas. You can use your glossary and dictionary and any grammar notes you have to help you write your ideas accurately. You could write about:

- What people do in Spain
- What people do in Scotland
- What you prefer and why

A successful piece of writing should be

- Well-structured with each paragraph linking to the next
- It should include a variety of interesting vocabulary (e.g. adjectives/adverbs/time phrases)
- It should include a variety of structures (e.g. sentences should start in different ways – use linking words; I/he/she/we/they)
- It should include opinions and reasons
- It should be accurate so that it is readily understood

Writing Template

This grid will help you write your paragraph.

When?	Who?	What?	Where?	Joining words	Adjectives	Adverbs
en la nochebuena	los españoles	comer	a la iglesia	también	importante	despacio
a medianoche	los escoceses	recibir	en su casa	pero	especial	lentamente
el próximo	toda la gente	beber	al restaurante	sin embargo	típico	ruidoso
en el día de Navidad	los niños	jugar	al cine	entonces	famoso	alegramente
esta noche	los Reyes Magos	ir	en casa de los amigos/los tios	pues	variades	con entusiasmo
en el día de los Reyes	toda la familia	dar los regalos	a la pista de hielo	después	interesante	dulcemente
el 31 de diciembre	los jóvenes	hacer bromas	a la fiesta de Navidad	además	cansado	facilmente

After you have completed your paragraph, give it to your partner to check it over. S/he will write a comment about What Went Well... and Even Better If...

What Went Well	Even Better If

After discussing your work with your partner, see if you can improve it, and then give it to your teacher who will use the correction code to indicate what exactly needs to be fixed.

You can use your glossary, grammar notes and a dictionary to help you improve your work. Once the final draft is complete give it to your teacher who will give you a comment detailing your strengths and your next steps. You might also like to record your own comment about how you are going to develop your writing skills in the future.

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Correction Code

V	verb ending incorrect
Prep	preposition incorrect
Gndr	masculine/feminine incorrect
Art	le/la/les/l'/un/une/du/de la/des/de l'
Poss art	possessive article incorrect mon/ma/mes, etc.
WO	word order
Acc	accent missing
Pl	should be plural
Sing	should be singular
Sp	spelling error
W	word non-existent
T	tense error
Hw	handwriting/illegibility
A	agreement faulty
Exp	expression faulty/unidiomatic translation
Arg	argument faulty
M	should be capital letter
m	should be small letter
^	something missed out here

