

HISPANIC FESTIVALS

Lesson with interactive cards activity

Festivals are important in Hispanic culture. It is a way to come together with our friends and families. In this lesson we are going to explore Hispanic festivals and learn more about them.

El carnaval de Oruro



Where is this festival? In Oruro, in Bolivia.

When is it? In February.

What do they do in this festival? People dress up as in very colourful masks and costumes. There is a parade with music and traditional dances. At the end of the festival people enjoy fireworks and eat delicious food.

Fiestas patrias

Where is this festival? In Chile.

When is it? On the 18th and 19th of September.

What happens during this festival? People decorate their houses with the Chilean flag, they celebrate in the streets dancing the traditional dance called Cueca (you dance it in pairs both holding a handkerchief).



Inti Raymi (festival of the Sun)

Where is this festival? In Peru and Ecuador.

When is it? In June.

What happens?

The ancient people of Peru and Ecuador used to celebrate the Sun as their God. During this party, an actor dressed as the Inca emperor rides a horse cart to the top of a mountain where they honour the sun.



Cinco de Mayo



Where is this festival? Its is celebrated in Mexico and in the United States of America.

When is it? On the 5th of May.

What happens in this festival? People eat Mexican food, dance and sing traditional Mexican songs.

El carnaval de Santiago de Cuba



Where is this festival? In Santiago de Cuba in Cuba.

When is it? In July.

What happen? People wear very colourful costumes and there are decorated floats and cars. There are dancers carrying decorations that look like streetlights and they spin them while they dance, they are called 'Faroleros'. Some dancers wear stilts on their legs.

Feria de Sevilla



Where is this festival? In Seville (Spain).

When is it? In April.

What happens? For this festival, a small town is built inside the city of Seville (Spain), it is called 'La Feria'. People visit la Feria to dance and eat fried fish and other delicious food. They play music and people dance Flamenco. Most people wear traditional dresses. Every evening there is a horse parade around the feria, you can admire very beautiful horses.

Instructions to use the festivals worksheet

You are going to check how well you know these festivals.

Print the worksheet for this lesson. You have a grid with colourful illustrations, this is what you can do with them:

- **Matching game:** cut them up and match each illustration to its pair.

- **Memory game:** you can print two sets of these cards, place them upside down on a table. Turn two cards, if they match you can keep them, if they do not match you turn them facing down again. Try to remember where the images are.

- **Design a poster.** Stick the illustrations on a piece of paper and design a background for them.

