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Level 4

Spanish festival charges for tomato

30th August, 2013

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THE READING

From http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1308/130830-tomato_throwing_festival-4.html

Spain's famous tomato-throwing festival is now a "pay-to-join" event. This is because of the country's poor economy. The town of Bunol is charging tourists \$13 for its Tomatina festival. Regardless, all 15,000 tickets for the hour-long tomato fight have been sold. Town residents will get free tickets. The Tomatina costs 150,000 euros to organise. It must pay for the 130 tons of tomatoes used in the street battles. The town is always flooded with tomato juice.

Tourists from all over the world visit the Tomatina. Bunol's mayor said the charge was for financial and security reasons. He said there was a problem with safety in the past ten years because he never knew how many people would come. He said it was difficult to control. The festival began after the end of WWII. Some people say it was because of a fight between teenagers near a vegetable market. It ended with the kids throwing tomatoes at each other.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-23860462>
<http://www.enca.com/life/town-charges-tomato-fight>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/La_Tomatina

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. a "pay-to-join" | a. long tomato fight |
| 2. charging | b. free tickets |
| 3. the hour- | c. tomato juice |
| 4. residents will get | d. event |
| 5. 130 tons of tomatoes used | e. tourists \$13 |
| 6. flooded with | f. in the street battles |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. from all | a. to control |
| 2. for financial and | b. over the world |
| 3. there was a problem | c. at each other |
| 4. it was difficult | d. with safety |
| 5. a fight | e. security reasons |
| 6. throwing tomatoes | f. between teenagers |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Spain's famous tomato-throwing festival is now (1) _____.

This is because of the country's (2) _____. The town of

Bunol is charging tourists \$13 for its Tomatina festival. Regardless, all

15,000 tickets (3) _____ tomato fight have been sold.

Town residents will (4) _____. The Tomatina costs 150,000

euros to organise. It (5) _____ 130 tons of tomatoes used

in the street battles. The town is (6) _____ tomato juice.

Tourists from (7) _____ visit the Tomatina. Bunol's mayor

said the charge was for financial (8) _____. He said there

was a problem with safety (9) _____ years because he

never knew how many people would come. He said it was difficult to control.

The festival began (10) _____ WWII. Some people say it

was because (11) _____ teenagers near a vegetable

market. It (12) _____ throwing tomatoes at each other.

FESTIVALS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about festivals in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

