



ENGLISH CLASS

Name: _____ Level: _____ Date: _____

CHILEAN CELEBRATION.

Pre-Reading (Antes de la lectura)

Activity I: Match the picture with the correct word. Escriba debajo de cada imagen la palabra clave correspondiente.

- a) Flag
- b) Hopscotch
- c) Traditional dance
- d) Skewered meat
- e) Marbles
- f) Barbecue
- e) Very sweet partially fermented grape
- f) Greased pole climbing
- g) Chorizo sausage sandwiches
- h) Spinning tops



Chilean Independence Day.

Chile's national holiday is celebrated on September 18th and 19th. Residents throughout the territory celebrate with traditional dances, Chilean horse races, typical games and food.

The first signs of National Pride begin to appear in early September when everybody decorate their houses with the colors of the Chilean flag, white, blue and red. Stores workers begin to dress up as huasos and huasas. At the Schools, children practice their traditional dances and the girls dress up huasita dresses for and little boys with black suits and chupaya hats. Most people hang the Chilean flag from their home.

In Chile, these national holidays, work as the anticipation of Spring by open-air ramadas, shelters with roofs made of tree branches and the fondas, offering traditional foods: stuffed dough (empanadas), skewered meats (anticuchos), and choripanes (chorizo sausage sandwiches) and drinks, particularly chicha (very sweet partially fermented grape) and red wine. Under the ramadas, people dance cueca, along with cumbias. These activities are made from along the country, in every single town and city.

Children fly their kites, play with marbles and spinning tops. People make hopscotch competitions and greased pole climbing contests. There are horse races to the Chilean style, cueca contests, along with many other traditional activities.

Fiestas Patrias is a celebration of family, friends, food, tradition and proud of being Chilean.

Activity II: Read the text, find and Underline all the key words of the activity I. (Lea el texto, encuentre y subraye todas las palabras claves de la actividad I)

Activity III: Answer the following questions in Spanish (responda las siguientes preguntas en español)

a. What is the text about?

b. Which is the main idea of the text?

Activity IV: Write T (true) or F (false). Escriba una T (verdadero) o F (falso) según corresponda.

1. _____ Fiestas Patrias is a celebration that takes place in autumn
2. _____ Chicha is a very sweet drink
3. _____ The first signs of National Pride begin to appear in later September
4. _____ Just a few people hang the flag from their home.
5. _____ 19th is a legal holiday in honor of the military
6. _____ During the national holidays, people dance tango and salsa.



