

What do you do on Christmas Eve?

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What do you do on Christmas Eve?

- ✓ Have Christmas dinner
- ✓ Sing Christmas calors
- ✓ Have Christmas parties
- ✓ Watch Christmas movies
- ✓ Drink hot chocolate
- ✓ Go to the church
- ✓ Open gifts
- ✓ Play family games
- ✓ Give gifts to your relatives
- ✓ Bake cookies
- ✓ Assemble the Christmas tree



Do you think the ways to celebrate holidays are different depending on each culture?

Yes, I do.

Yes, I have

Yes, I am



Communication and cultural awareness

Read the text and answer the questions that follow in your notebook.

FESTIVALS IN CUENCA

Cuenca's Christmas Eve **Pase del Niño** parade, or the Procession of the Child, is a colorful mixture of the religious and the profane. It is a festival of thanksgiving that combines Catholic and indigenous traditions.

The parade usually lasts more than eight hours, and it includes floats and cars decorated with flowers, fruits and vegetables. Bands, dancers, street performers, and various Biblical characters participate, and their infant Jesus is carried through towns and villages. The parade takes place on Christmas Eve but Pase del Niño celebration begins the first Sunday after Advent and continues until Carnival in March. Besides this celebration, Christmas in Cuenca also means nightly fireworks shows, concerts, and craft sales.



Questions:

- a. How is it known Cuenca's Christmas Eve parade?

Pase del Milagro

Pase del Niño

- b. What kind of celebration is it?

Religious

Mixed

Profane

- c. How long does it last?

- d. Name the decorations people put on the cars and floats.

_____, _____ and _____

e. Characters that participate on the parade.

- ✓ Singers
- ✓ Dancers
- ✓ Street performers
- ✓ Devils
- ✓ Baby Jesus
- ✓ Fireworks
- ✓ Biblical characters



f. True or False. The parade starts on December and finishes in March.

True

False

g. Other things done in Cuenca during Christmas Eve.

_____, _____ and _____

h. Have you ever been to Cuenca?

Yes, I do

Yes, I have

i. Is parade of the Baby Jesus a tradition in your hometown?

Yes, it is

Yes, it does

j. What other Ecuadorian festivals do you know?

- ✓ _____
- ✓ _____
- ✓ _____
- ✓ _____