

1 In Bolivia, soccer is the ¹ sport, but the country is also famous for another sport ². Local people like watching wrestling, and it's popular with tourists, too. It's an ³ mixture of sport, drama, and entertainment. When modern wrestling started in Bolivia in the 1950s, the ⁴ were all men, but nowadays women are also competing in the ring.

2 The city of El Alto is a good place to watch wrestling. Hundreds of spectators go to the ⁵ in the evening. This evening, the crowd is sitting around a huge wrestling ring and shouting, "Bring them on! Bring them on!" Suddenly, the ⁶ is speaking into a microphone, "Ladies and gentlemen. It's time for Yolanda and Claudina!" The ⁷ is screaming with ⁸ as two women in colorful clothes enter the ring.

3 Yolanda and Claudina are like famous pop stars. They smile and wave to their fans. The music stops, and the referee starts the fight. Claudina jumps on Yolanda.

Then Yolanda ⁹ Claudina on the floor. As Claudina lies on the floor, Yolanda ¹⁰ and waves to the crowd. Then Claudina gets up and ¹¹ Yolanda onto the ground. One minute, Yolanda is winning. The next minute, Claudina is winning. The spectators go ¹²!

Away from the ring, many ¹³ are women with families. At home, Yolanda has a normal, quiet family life. She has two daughters, and she makes clothes for a living. Her father was also a wrestler, so it's a family ¹⁴. In answer to the question "Would your daughters like to become wrestlers one day?", Yolanda says they wouldn't. She answers, "My daughters ask me why I do this. It's ¹⁵, and they complain that wrestling doesn't bring any ¹⁶ into the house." So why does she do it?

Yolanda loves wrestling because of her fans—and she has lots of them. One of her fans is named Esperanza Cancina. Esperanza pays \$1.50 (a large part of her salary) to sit near the ring. She likes watching wrestling because, she says, "We laugh and we forget our problems for three or four hours."