

English Complement Test

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Listening Comprehension

Listen to Anne talking about Uruguay and answer the questions.

1. What is Mercado del Puerto famous for?
2. Name the historic theater in Montevideo mentioned in the passage.
3. Who is Mario Benedetti?
4. What musical genres are highlighted in Uruguay's cultural traditions?
5. Which Uruguayan singer and actress has gained international fame?
6. Name a popular tourist destination in Uruguay.



Reading Comprehension

Read the text carefully and do the activities asked.

Uruguay, located in South America, is a country with a rich cultural tapestry and historical significance. The country's history dates back to the indigenous peoples who lived in the region long before European explorers arrived. In the 19th century, Uruguay gained independence from Brazil and Spain, establishing itself as a free nation.

One of Uruguay's most cherished traditions is its annual Carnival, which is celebrated with vibrant parades, music, and dance. The carnival lasts for over 40 days, making it one of the longest festivals in the world. It features various performances, including the traditional murga, a form of musical theater that blends humor and social commentary.

Uruguay is also known for its beautiful natural landscapes, such as the pristine beaches of Punta del Este and the tranquil countryside. The country's coastline along the Atlantic Ocean is dotted with charming seaside towns that attract tourists year-round. In addition to its natural beauty, Uruguay boasts a



rich literary and artistic heritage, with notable figures such as Juana de Ibarbourou, a celebrated poet known for her passionate and evocative poetry.



The capital city, Montevideo, is a bustling metropolis with a lively cultural scene. The city hosts numerous festivals and events throughout the year, showcasing the diverse cultural influences that have shaped Uruguay. Montevideo's architecture reflects its European roots, with elegant buildings and historical landmarks that tell the story of its past.

Uruguayans take great pride in their cultural heritage and are known for their warm hospitality. The country's blend of

European and South American influences creates a unique and welcoming atmosphere for visitors. From its rich traditions to its stunning landscapes, Uruguay offers a diverse and enriching experience for all who visit.

Answer the questions, please.

1. What historical event occurred in the 19th century in Uruguay?
2. How long does the Uruguayan Carnival last?
3. What is murga?
4. Name a famous Uruguayan poet mentioned in the passage.
5. What type of architecture can be seen in Montevideo?
6. What is one of Uruguay's most famous natural attractions?



Decide if the sentences are True OR False . Give the evidence for the False ones.

1. Uruguay's Carnival is celebrated for only a week.
2. Montevideo is known for its Teatro Solís.
3. Natalia Oreiro is a famous Uruguayan writer.
4. Punta del Este is a popular beach destination in Uruguay.
5. Juana de Ibarbourou was a renowned painter from Uruguay.

Matching

Match the items in Column A with the correct description in Column B.

Terms	Description
1. Mario Benedetti	a. A famous theater in Montevideo.
2. Canfombe	b. An international singer and actress from Uruguay.
3. Solis Theater	c. A musical genre with African roots.
4. Natalia Oreiro	d. A celebrated Uruguayan poet and writer.

Multiple Choice: choose the correct answer.



1. What is the traditional Uruguayan barbecue called?
 - a) Asado
 - b) Empanada
 - c) Paella
 - d) Chivito
2. Which Uruguayan city is known for its historic Teatro Solís?
 - a) Punta del Este
 - b) Montevideo
 - c) Colonia
 - d) Salto

Pre-Writing

Drag and dopt the vocabulary with the definitions provided.

Vocabulary	Definitions
Cultural heritage	A large and densely populated city.
Metropolis	A festival marked by parades, music, and dancing
Carnival	The traditions, customs, and artifacts that are passed down through generations

Now, fill in the Blanks using the words in the box

Metropolis Carnival Cultural heritage

1. Uruguay has a rich _____ that includes traditions like Carnival.
2. Montevideo is a bustling _____ with a vibrant cultural scene.
3. The annual _____ in Uruguay features colorful parades and musical performances.

Writing

Write a short paragraph (about 100-150 words) about one of Uruguay's cultural festivals or traditions. Use the vocabulary from the pre-writing activity.



Example:

One of Uruguay's most vibrant celebrations is the annual Carnival, a festival that highlights the country's rich cultural heritage. The Carnival in Montevideo is a major event, turning the city into a lively metropolis of music and dance. This colorful celebration lasts for over 40 days and features various performances, including the traditional murga, which combines humor and social commentary. The streets come alive with parades and dancing, showcasing Uruguay's unique traditions and inviting people to experience the warmth and joy of Uruguayan culture.