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ACTIVITY 1. Read, listen and choose the correct answer

Topic: Why are toquilla straw hats called "Panama hats"?

Objective: To learn interesting facts about our country.

Is there any technology involved to produce Panama hats?



Yes, there is



No, there is not



Do you think that the history of Panama hats started in Panama and then it was produced in Ecuador?



Yes, they do



No, they do not



Do you think that the production of Panama hats contributed to the growth of the community's economy?

Yes, I do



No, I do not



The History of Paja Toquilla Hats

 It is said that back in 1835, people in Montecristi, Manabi sent boxes of hats to Manta and Guayaquil to be exported to Panama.



 The time coincided with the California Gold Rush (1848-1855), which made the hat famous because of the abundant sun on the west coast of the United States.



 They became so popular in the ports of Panama that the name was quickly linked to that location.

 During the construction of the Panama Canal, Theodore Roosevelt, who was the president of United States at that time, wore those kinds of hats and contributed to their increasing popularity. Many workers also wore them.



 It is said that many passengers who were passing through the canal also made the hats famous. They became really valued around the world.



Edward VII of England ordered a hat for himself and paid a lot of money for it.



In 1985, the hat was selected as one of the 100 best designs ever by the Conrad Foundation in England.



Also, in 2017, the UNESCO declared paja toquilla hats as part of the list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.



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ACTIVITY 2. Fill in the blanks using the information from the reading.

1. Paja toquilla hats are also called
2. Theodore Roosevelt wore those kinds of hats during
3. In hat was chosen as one of best designs by the Conrad Foundation
4. The declares the hats as part of the Intangible Cultural Heritage.
5. order a hat for himself and paid a lots of money for it.