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Reading Worksheet: Cultural similarities and differences between Ecuador and the United States

Read the article about the Cultural similarities and differences between Ecuador and the United States and answer the following questions.

Cultural similarities and differences between Ecuador and the United States

Ecuador's distinct culture is as vibrant and beautiful as the hand-woven tapestries of its local artisans, including a fair mix of indigenous practices along with European colonial influence. Almost everyone in Ecuador has a mixed-race background, which has resulted in tremendous cultural diversity as well as unique customs and traditions across the whole country. **On the other hand,** the culture of the United States of America was originally influenced by British European cultures, **also** is an ethnically and racially diverse country as a result of large-scale immigration from many different countries throughout its history.

Besides, in all of Ecuador's major cities, Spanish is the official language **while** in The United States its official language is English, **however**, this does not mean that there are no citizens who express themselves in Spanish or another language. The U.S. is one of the most religious in terms of its demographics, nowadays, governments at the national, state and local levels are secular institutions, what is often called the "separation of church and state", that's the reason why the most popular religion in the U.S. is Christianity, **while**, the predominat religion in Ecuador is Roman Catholic.

Two of the most popular activities in Ecuador are soccer and dancing, also to relax, there's a buzzing weekend culture of nightclubs, that pump up the music for a night full of salsa, bachata, merengue, and other styles of dance, **similarly** to the United States. Ecuadorian food consists mainly of soup and stews, corn pancakes, rice, eggs, and vegetables. Seafood is excellent, even in the highlands. In the **same** way, the cuisine of the United States is extremely diverse, for example, the Traditional American cuisine uses ingredients such as turkey, sweet potatoes, corn (maize), squash, and maple syrup, ***as well as*** indigenous foods.

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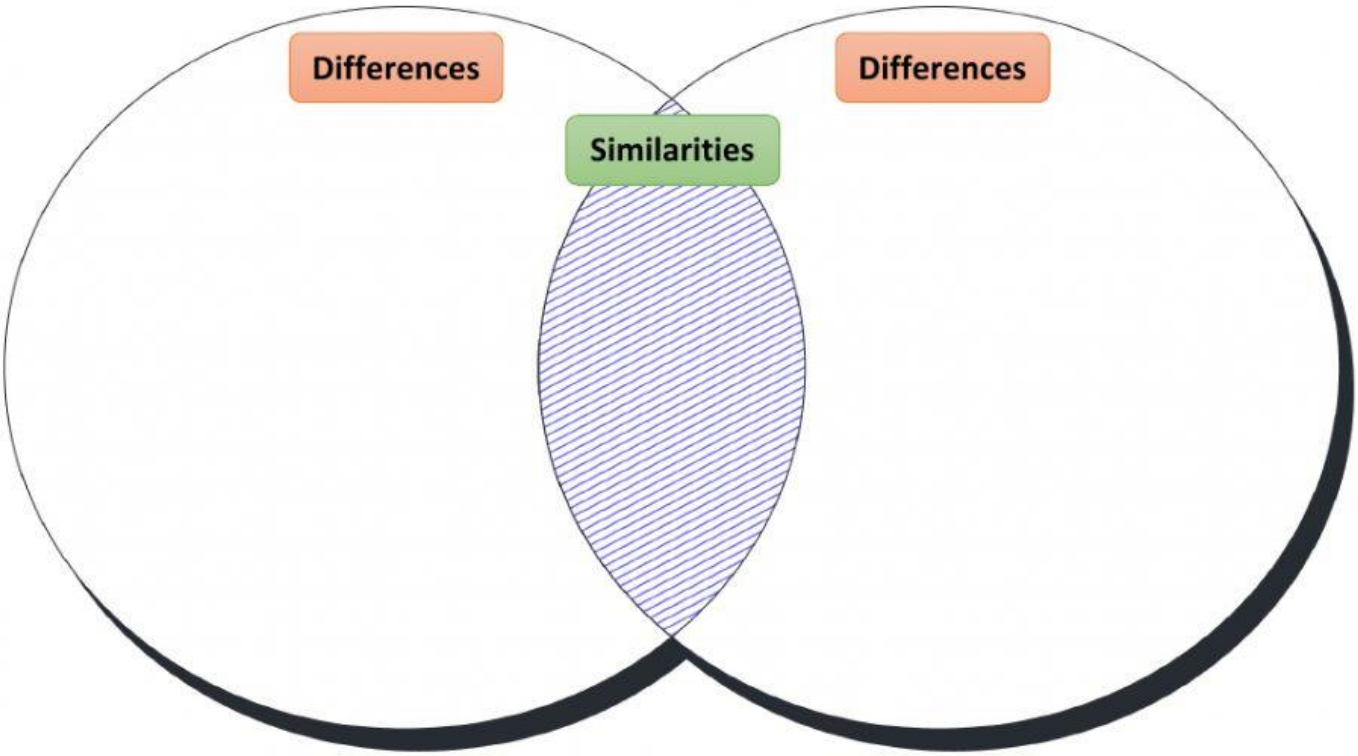
1. **Write on the Venn diagram the similarities and differences between Ecuador and the United States, use the comparison and contrast words to explain the reasons.**



2. **Match the questions with the right answers according the article.**

A

What are the typical cuisine ingredients of the United States?

B

What are the cultural differences between Ecuador and the United States?

C

What is a remarkable similarity about popular activities in Ecuador and the United States?

Ecuador has a mixed-race background with European colonial influence while the United States was originally influenced by British European cultures, due to this Spanish is the official language in Ecuador, unlike The United States since its official language is English.

In Ecuador there's a buzzing weekend culture of nightclubs, that pump up the music for a night full of salsa, bachata, merengue, and other styles of dance, as well as in the United States.

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