

# PRESENT PERFECT ACTIVITY

## CELEBRATE THE WORLD

Some holidays and celebrations are different from country to country, they vary from culture to culture. There are many people who like to travel around the world in order to experience holidays in different ways and to learn more from other cultures.

Read the following text. In it you will find information about some festivities in different countries. Pay attention and identify the phrases in present perfect.

### READING

#### CARNIVAL IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL



Have you ever seen samba dancers? They prepare their costumes and decorations throughout the year at the same time that they perfect their technique and performance. This party has been celebrated in South America before Lent for hundreds of years.

### INSTRUCTIONS

After reading the text, look the sentences and write in the blank space the correct form of the verb in past participle than complete the sentences.

1. European countries \_\_\_\_\_ (commemorate) Christianity's arrival to Ireland in Saint Patrick's Day.
2. In Mexico, many people \_\_\_\_\_ (bring) food to the cemetery to honor the deceased.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ you ever \_\_\_\_\_ (play) with food?
4. People \_\_\_\_\_ (celebrate) Carnival festivities in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, for hundreds of years.
5. The Chinese culture \_\_\_\_\_ (observe) their New Year between middle January to middle February.
6. The Carnival of Venice, Italy \_\_\_\_\_ (take) place since 1162.

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**The best vacation I have ever had**

**Vacation periods are often connected to holidays or special celebrations each country has.**

Write a postcard of about 80 words describing the best holiday you have ever had using the present perfect. Follow the guidelines below:

- → **What has been your best holiday?**
- → **Where did you spend this celebration?**
- → **What did you do during this time?**
- → **Who did you spend it with?**

Remember that postcards, just like letters, must have a salutation such as **Dear friend, Hi Maria!**, etc and a farewell, like: **See you soon! Regards, etcetera.**

Now, take a look at the rubric that you will use to get your score when you finish your writing.

## Example

Dear Gerardo:

I wanted to give you a postcard because I've just remembered our trip to Puerto Vallarta. That has been one of the best holidays I've had. I remember Damian, you and I stayed at a very nice hotel where we could see whales. It was whale-watching season, remember? We visited the Malecón in the evenings and we had the best time together. Hope we get to do that again soon!

Regards  
Larissa