



Spotlight 6

Reading Task 6505

Read the texts about celebrations and traditions in different countries and match the country names to the paragraphs. One word is extra.

1. The USA
2. Korea
3. Spain
4. Japan
5. Venezuela

A. In my country, we have many festivals in various places several times a year. One party is called the *Devils of Yare*. It is famous for its music that uses only drums, its traditional dance and red clothing, multicolour masks, and colorful jewelry. This festival is also famous for beautiful costumes and dancing in the street, which is typical of South America. It lasts for four days in February and is celebrated in a small town called Yare two hours from the capital Caracas. It is popular with tourists who come from all over country and from different countries.

(by Evelyn Infante)

B. "*Hanami*" means viewing the cherry blossoms. The cherry blossom is our national flower, so these trees are planted in many places; for example, in parks, at hospitals, in the streets and at schools. Traditionally, from the end of March to the beginning of April, when the cherry trees are in full bloom, Japanese people like to go to see the cherry blossoms. On holidays, they go with their family or friends to places which are famous for their cherry blossoms. Also, after work, they go with their colleagues at work to see them at night.

(by Keiko Ichibashi)

C Bullfighting is very typical in some parts of my home country. It's called *The National Festival*. It's the way that many cities and villages celebrate their main festivals. The place where a bullfight is celebrated is always a round arena. The bullfighter uses a stick with a red cloth to fight the bull. This is a very difficult art. Spanish are world-famous for it.

(by Agustina Pascual)

D. We have a special paper called *Han-Ji* that is made by hand and is dyed with natural materials. It takes a lot of time to make *Han-Ji*; it has to go through a long process. *Han-Ji* paper is extremely soft like cotton, but it's tough. In old times Korean people used it for various things; many kinds of *Han-Ji* crafts, artwork, dolls and house wares are made of this paper. The *Dak* paper doll craft is a popular national craft. It is especially interesting. *Han-Ji* is made of the *Daktree*, so we say *Dak* meaning *Han-Ji* when we describe this craft. When I visit my friend, I see beautiful *Dak*-paper dolls made by her mom. About two years ago, her mom and her mom's friends held an exhibition. Most of the dolls they make express something about childhood in Korea. It usually takes them 1-4 months to finish a doll. After all that time they are like children for them.

(by Hyun-Joo Kim)

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