

Unit 4 Party

Listening

1.- Look at the pictures. Which country do you think they show?

BRAZIL THE USA ITALY SPAIN



bull-running

2.- Listen to a description of a festival and number the events in the order in which they took place.

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3. Which two events in Exercise 2 did the speaker not take part in.

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4.- Listen and write down the words that tell us that: (use the script below if necessary)

- a) the weather was good _____.
- b) the speaker got up early _____.
- c) The speaker walked a long way _____.
- d) The speaker enjoyed the battle _____.
- e) The speaker was wet with wine _____.
- f) The speaker wanted to stay longer _____.

Script

The festival that I've enjoyed most takes place in a small town called Haro. Haro is in La Rioja, a wine region of Spain, and every June they have a festival called the Battle of Wine.

I arrived there on a beautiful sunny summer evening. There was a concert and dancing and so on in the town square. Some people stayed up celebrating all night, but I went to bed earlyish because the real fun began the next day.

I was dressed and ready before five-thirty. Everyone wore white T-shirts and a red scarf around their necks. In the center of the town, a man, the mayor, I think, was riding a horse and we all followed him on foot to a small mountain six or seven kilometers away.

On the mountainside there was a small church, and there was a service in the church, but I didn't go inside because there wasn't room for everybody. Anyway, it was better to be outside because after the church service, the battle began. Everyone had red wine. Some people had it in *botas* – containers made of animal skin – some had plastic bottles, some had filled balloons with wine, someone even had a huge thirty-liter container on his back. And you just throw it over anyone who is near you – especially if someone's T-shirt is still white! All the time, there were brass bands playing music and people were dancing, running around, throwing wine everywhere. Awesome! It all lasted about two hours before we had breakfast – snails cooked on a barbecue and a kind of champagne to drink.

After that, there was a procession back to the town, with everyone's T-shirts now pink. In the afternoon, everyone goes to the bullring, where they have young bulls that are running around – free – and you have to run away from them, but unfortunately I couldn't stay for that. I had to go to work, but even after a shower I could still smell the wine!