

Reading comprehension

Read the text and solve the activities:

Festivals in La Pampa



The province of La Pampa is in the central region of Argentina. Its capital city is Santa Rosa. In La Pampa, there are several festivals to celebrate traditions and customs.

Many festivals are celebrated in most cities and towns. Some of the beautiful towns that organize these traditional events are Intendente Alvear, Ingeniero Luiggi, Caleufú, Toay and Miguel Riglos, among others.

The first photo shows a gaucho taming a horse during “jineteadas”. Gauchos must be brave to demonstrate their abilities with horses and other animals. In the second photo, you can see another competition in which gauchos try to catch steers. These competitions can be very dangerous.



During the festivals, everybody share “asados” (similar to barbecues), that are prepared by gauchos. You can eat delicious meat there. Some traditional celebrations include folklore concerts and dancing shows. You can’t miss it! You are all welcome to La Pampa!

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ACTIVITY 1: Match the ideas to the corresponding paragraph.

1. You can enjoy several festivals in La Pampa.
2. Many festivals include music shows.
3. Several towns organize these traditional festivals.
4. Gauchos show their abilities in different competitions.

ACTIVITY 2: Answer each question with information from the text.

- a. Which is the capital city of La Pampa?
- b. What do these festivals celebrate?
- c. What animals are tamed in “jineteadas”?
- d. What is the problem with these competitions?
- e. What can you eat during festivals?
- f. What shows can you enjoy?