

Read the following Chinese, Spanish, and Brazilian traditions and answer if it is true or false.

Carrying the wife over burning coals.



Some tribes in China follow a strange tradition where the husband carries his wife and walks over burning coals. These tribes believe that this practice would help the wife have painless labor. And some believe that walking over burning coals prevents natural disasters. Some choose to do this as the husband and wife take their first step into their new home and some choose to do it when they know that the wife is pregnant. The husband usually does this barefoot with his wife on his back.

The baby jumping festival.



In a yearly festival locally called El Colacho in the Spanish village of Castrillo de Murcia, men dressed as yellow devils run and jump over babies. During this festival babies born in the previous year are placed in arranged rows of pillows spaced out down a public street. Then men dressed in bright yellow costumes, and weird masks begin to run down the street jumping over the rows of children like Olympic hurdlers. This tradition started in the early 1600s; the villagers believe that it keeps the devil away from these children. The babies are sprinkled with rose petals after the run.

Bullet ant initiation



According to the Satere-Mawe Tribe from the Amazon rain forest, Brazil, a boy does not become a man unless he can withstand being stung by a swarm of Bullet Ants. This ant has the most painful sting among all insects; some even say the sting is just as excruciating as being shot by a bullet. The initiation ritual includes the boys sticking their hands in a glove full of bullet ants while they dance. Moreover, this tradition is not a one-time thing; the boy must go through this routine as many times as it takes for him not to cry during the process. The day he can endure this torture without shedding a single tear, is the day he becomes a real man.

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| 1. The Spanish believe that El Colacho festival protects babies from evil spirits. | True | False |
| 2. At the El Colacho festival, men dress as yellow devils and jump on babies. | True | False |
| 3. In the festival, El Colacho newborn babies are used. | True | False |
| 4. The bullet ant tradition in Brazil is a ritual for weddings. | True | False |
| 5. The tradition of the bullet ant in Brazil is performed only once. | True | False |
| 6. The initiation ritual consists of sticking the hand into a glove filled with bullet ants while it dances. | True | False |
| 7. Carrying the wife and walking on burning coals is a Chinese tradition. | True | False |
| 8. Chinese believe that carrying the wife while walking on burning coals would help the wife to have painless labor. | True | False |
| 9. The husband never walks on burning coals barefoot. | True | False |
| 10. Some people believe that walking over burning coals prevents natural disasters. | True | False |