

ENGLISH TEST

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Group:

Listen to Alice, talking about Uruguay and answer the questions, please.

- 1- How did Uruguay gain its independence, and from which countries?
- 2- What are the geographical neighbors of Uruguay?
- 3- Name two significant cultural influences in Uruguay.
- 4- Mention two famous places and two famous Uruguayans.



Matching.

Match the terms with their definitions.

Terms	Definitions
Montevideo	Traditional horseman and cattle rancher.
Carnival	A large body of water where a river meets the sea.
Gaicho	A major cultural event featuring parades and music.
Estuary	The capital city of Uruguay
Colonial	Architectural style from the European colonization period

Read the text carefully and fill in the blanks with the correct information from the text.



Uruguay: A Cultural and Historical Overview
Uruguay, a country in South America, is known for its rich history and vibrant culture. Established by the Spanish in the 18th century, Uruguay achieved independence in 1825. Its capital, Montevideo, is a dynamic city with a mix of historical and modern influences.

Geographically, Uruguay is located between Brazil and Argentina, with the Atlantic Ocean to the southeast. Its landscape consists of rolling plains and a picturesque coastline. The Río de la Plata estuary forms a significant part of the country's southern border.

The culture of Uruguay is a blend of indigenous, Spanish, Portuguese, and African elements. One of the most famous cultural events is the Montevideo Carnival, celebrated with colorful parades and traditional music. Another important aspect is the gaucho tradition, which reflects the country's rural heritage and is celebrated through festivals and folklore.

Tourist attractions in Uruguay include the historic town of Colonia del Sacramento, known for its colonial architecture, and the beach resort of Punta del Este. Uruguayans are recognized for their politeness and sense of community. They are known for their warm greetings and respectful interactions.

Famous Uruguayans include Mario Benedetti, a celebrated writer whose works have gained international recognition, and Diego Forlán, a renowned footballer who has achieved success both nationally and internationally. In summary, Uruguay is a country with a rich cultural heritage and significant historical events. Its diverse cultural influences, coupled with its welcoming people, make it a fascinating place to explore.



Fill in the blanks using words from the text.

1. Uruguay achieved independence in the year _____
2. The _____ estuary forms a significant part of Uruguay's southern border.
3. The Montevideo Carnival is famous for its _____ and traditional music.
4. Colonia del Sacramento is renowned for its _____ architecture.
5. The _____ region is known for its vast grasslands and cattle farming.
6. Uruguay's official language is _____

In the text there are some highlighted words.
Match those words with the definitions given.

_____ : The state of being free from outside control or influence;
self-governance.

_____ : Characterized by constant change, activity, or progress; energetic.

_____ : The area where a river meets the sea, where the tide meets the stream.

_____ : A festive season occurring before Lent, often celebrated with parades,
costumes, and public festivities.

_____ : A skilled horseman and cowboy of the South American pampas,

particularly in Argentina and Uruguay, known for their distinctive dress and cultural traditions.

_____ : Relating to or characteristic of a period of colonization, especially in terms of architecture or societal organization.

_____ : The quality of being respectful and considerate of other people.

_____ : Widely known and acclaimed; celebrated or famous.

Decide if the sentences are True or False.

Give the evidence for the False ones.



1- Uruguay is located between Brazil and Argentina.

2- The gaucho tradition is celebrated with modern dance performances.

3- Diego Forlán is a famous Uruguayan footballer.

4- The Montevideo Carnival is held in the winter season.

5- The Río de la Plata estuary is part of Uruguay's northern border.

6- Mario Benedetti is a well-known Uruguayan writer.

Writing:

Write a paragraph 150-200 words on one of the following aspects of Uruguayan culture. Use the brief information you know and add details or context based on what you have learned:

1. The Montevideo Carnival: Describe what you know about this festival and include additional details about its significance and key features.

2. The gaucho tradition: Outline what you know about the gaucho lifestyle and add information about its historical and cultural impact.

3. Candombe music: Explain what you know about Candombe music and expand on its characteristics and role in cultural practice

