

Theme 1 - Spain and customs



Common mistakes to avoid:

The past tense of IR and SER is the SAME so fui means - I was AND I went.

It is also usual to get FUI (I went/was mixed up with FUE he she it went / was)

Some good adjectives to describe festivals.

Emocionante - exciting
Interesante (avoid overuse)
Peligroso - dangerous
Raro - strange / different
Impresionante - impressive
Divertido - fun
Chulo - cool / great
Tonto - stupid
Hermoso - beautiful
Demasiado - too much
Entretenido - entertaining
Único - unique
Fascinante - fascinating

Típico de España

- Desayunar poco
- Comer mucho y tarde
- Cenar poco y tarde
- Descansar o dormir la siesta
- Dormir menos por la noche
- Acostarse tarde
- Salir a la calle por la tarde
- Tomar tapas

Key Spanish Festivals

- <http://www.budfindingspost.es/2014/07/05/mejores-fiestas-populares-espana-a-5556017.html>
- Las Fallas - Valencia
 - San Fermín - Pamplona Tomatina - Buñol
 - Moros y Cristianos - Alicante
 - El Colacho - Burgos
 - Feria de Abril - Sevilla
 - Carnaval - Sta Cruz de Tenerife
 - El descenso de la Sella - Ribadesella
 - San Miguel - Lleida
 - Semana Santa - Valladolid

Vocab related specifically to fiestas.

- Castell - Catalan word - meaning human tower.
- Moros - moors - a people from North Africa
- Batalla - battle
- Trajes - outfits
- Disfraz - fancy dress outfit
- Desfile - procession
- El encierro - bull run
- La corrida - bull fight
- El toro - bull
- Las fallas - Huge figures made of papier maché which are burnt.
- Una tradición - a tradition
- Una costumbre - a custom
- Los pasos - Huge statues of religious figures that are carried on people's shoulders during processions.
- Un santo - a saint
- Una santa - a saint

Grammar - SER and IR

Be careful in the preterite.

SER	Spanish	IR
I was	Fui	I went
You were	Fuiste	You went
He/ she /it / you formal was	Fue	He / she /it/ you fml went
We were	Fuimos	We went
Youse were	Fuisteis	Youse went
They were	fueron	They went

Past tense opinions

Me gustó - I liked it
Me encantó - I loved it
No me gusta - I didn't like it
Fue - it was

Irregular verbs

In the preterite tense

Tener	Hacer
Tuve	Hice
Tuviste	Hiciste
Tuvo	Hizo
Tuvimos	Hicimos
Tuvisteis	Hicisteis
tuvieron	Hicieron

Dormir (morir)- dormí, dormiste, durmió, dormimos, dormisteis, durmieron
Leer- (construir, creer, caer, oír)
Lei, leiste, leyó, leímos, leisteis, leyeron



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