

# Y9 Spanish HT6 : Festivals and celebrations

◦ talking about celebrations ◦ the preterite tense ◦ Grade 9 structures ◦ ser and ir in the preterite tense the imperfect tense ◦

KEY VOCABULARY – Top 20	
Spanish	English
celebrar	to celebrate
el desfile	parade
la fiesta	Festival
el regalo	gift
la Nochevieja	New Year's Eve
La Nochebuena	Christmas Eve
Los fuegos artificiales	fireworks
el año pasado	last year
la iglesia	church
la mezquita	mosque
una costumbre	custom/tradition
musulman	Muslim
Feliz Navidad	merry Xmas
Bonne Année	Happy New Year
el disfraz	disguise/dress up
abierto	open
cerrado	closed
la cena	evening meal
desayunar	to have breakfast
la misa	Mass

## Hispanic celebrations

La Tomatina: Tomato throwing festival in Buñol

El Colacho: Baby jumping festival in Castilla y León

Los Castells: Human towers competition in Cataluña

San Fermin: Bull running festival in Pamplona

El día de los muertos: day of the dead festival in Mexico

Las Fallas: Festival in Valencia where huge paper mache figures are burned

## Activities

la gente lanza tomates  
people throw tomatoes

un diablo salta por encima de los bebés  
a devil jumps over babies

la gente forma torres humanas en un concurso  
people form human towers in a competition

la gente corre por las calles con los toros  
people run through the streets with bulls

la gente celebra las vidas de los muertos  
people celebrate the lives of the dead

queman ninots y ven fuegos artificiales  
they burn the figures and watch fireworks

Simply remove the AR, ER or IR from the infinitive and add the following endings:

subject	AR	ER + IR
yo	aba	ía
tú	abas	ías
él/ella/usted	aba	ía
nosotr@s	ábamos	íamos
vosotr@s	abais	íais
ell@s/ustedes	aban	ían

## Past expressions of time

El **el pasado**: in the past

Hace **dos años**: Two years ago

La **semana pasada**: last year

**Anoche**: last night

**Anteayer**: the day before yesterday

El **mayo pasado**: Last may

El **año pasado**

## Learning the regular preterite tense

This tense is used for describing simple, completed actions in the past e.g. 'I ate, we drank, they talked'. It is formed as follows: Remove the infinitive ending and add:

-ar	-er / -ir
-é	-í
-aste	-iste
-ó	-ió
-amos	-imos
-asteis	-isteis
-aron	-ieron

## Using ser and ir in the preterite

Verbs of **ser** and **ir** are irregular in the preterite. You can tell the difference by context. These verbs are irregular and you need to learn them by heart.

I was  
you were  
he/she/it was  
we were  
you were  
they were

fuiste  
fueron

ir

I went  
you went  
he/she/it went  
we went  
you went  
they went

fui  
fuiste  
fue  
fuimos  
fuisteis  
fueron

## Christmas and New Year

Mi cumpleaños - my birthday  
El cumpleaños de mi madre... - my mum's birthday

Navidad/ (el) día de Navidad - Christmas/(on) Christmas day  
La Nochebuena - Christmas Eve  
La Nochevieja - New year's Eve  
Pascua/ El Domingo de Pascua - Easter/ Easter Sunday  
El día de Reyes - 6<sup>th</sup> January

abro/abrimos/abren regalos - I/we/they open presents  
busco/buscamos/buscan huevos de chocolate - I/we/they look for chocolate eggs

canto/cantamos/cantan villancicos - I/we sing Christmas carols  
como/comemos/comen dulces navideños/ doce uvas/ pavo - I/we eat Christmas sweets/ 12 grapes/ turkey

me acuesto/nos acostamos/se acuestan muy tarde - I/we/they stay up very late  
me levanto/nos levantamos/se levantan muy temprano - I/we/they get up very early

rezo/rezamos/rezan - I/we/they pray  
voy/vamos/van a la iglesia/mezquita - I/we/they go to church/mosque

En España - In Spain

Santa no es tan popular como en Inglaterra - Santa isn't as popular as in England  
los Reyes Magos traen los regalos el 6 de enero - the 3 kings bring the presents on 6<sup>th</sup> January  
muchos mucha gente va a la Misa de Gallo la Nochebuena - lots of people go to midnight mass on Christmas Eve  
la gente come las doce uvas a medianoche la Nochevieja para tener buena suerte - people eat 12 grapes at midnight on NYE for good luck  
se come la cena de Navidad en Nochebuena - they eat Christmas dinner on Christmas eve

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### Giving opinions in the past tense

Me divertí mucho porque fue...	divertido.
Lo pasé muy bien porque fue...	emocionante.
Me gustó mucho porque fue...	interesante.

Present Tense	Preterite tense	Future tense	Imperfect tense
Voy I go	Fui I gave	Voy a ir I'm going to go	Iba I used to go
Celebro I celebrate	Celebré I celebrated	Voy a celebrar I'm going to celebrate	Celebraba I used to celebrate

