

# Theme 1 - Spain and customs



## Key Spanish Festivals

[http://www.huffingtonpost.es/2014/07/05/mejores--fiestas-populares-espana\\_n\\_5558017.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.es/2014/07/05/mejores--fiestas-populares-espana_n_5558017.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

## Grammar points:

- Learning the regular preterite tense
- Reflexive verbs in the preterite tense
- Using ser and ir in the preterite
- Expressing actions and opinions
- Recognising the imperfect tense
- Hay and había
- Numbers

## 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)

## 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
You were	Fuisteis	Youse went
They were	fueron	They went

## Past tense opinions

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

## More cheeky monkeys

### 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)  
Leí, leíste, leyó, leímos, leísteis, leyeron

## 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