Week 7

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Pre-Reading Questions

1. What kind of festivals have you been to?
2. What is a famous festival in your country?
3. What comes to your mind when you think of Spain?

People are throwing tomatoes at one another. It looks like a fight, but everyone is laughing. What is going on?

You can see this exciting scene during La Tomatina, a tomato fight festival in Buñol, Spain. This festival is held every year on the last Wednesday of August. Back in the 1940s, some friends got in a fight on the streets. They took fruit from a nearby food stand and threw it at one another. Passers-by joined in their fight. Everyone had so much fun that it became a yearly festival.

On the morning of the festival, people begin to gather at the town’s main plaza. At 11 o’clock, tons of tomatoes arrive and are poured out onto the crowd. Tomatoes start flying everywhere and soon everything is covered in red tomato juice. People shout and have great fun. Two hours later, the fight ends and everyone helps to clean up. In a few hours, the streets are clean again... until next year!
**Words & Phrases**

**A. Write the correct word for each sentence.**

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1. A ___________ event happens once a year.
2. He picked up a magazine from a news ___________.
3. The city ___________ s a festival the first week of August.
4. When I saw her, I pushed my way through the ___________.
5. I can’t understand what the ___________ point of his speech is.
6. Our teacher asked us to ___________ together in our classroom.
7. A ___________ is a person who is going past someone or something.

**B. Write the correct phrase for each sentence. Change its form if necessary.**

| clean up | get in a fight | one another |

1. He ___________ with a man in the bar.
2. They think they have learned a lot about ___________.
3. My mother was angry at the mess and told me to ___________ right away.

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**Visualizing**

**Fill in the chart.**

**Where:** in Buñol, Spain  
**LA TOMATINA**  
**Tomato Fight Festival**  
**When:** the ___________  
___________ of August

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**In the 1940s**

Some friends had a fight by throwing ___________ at one another, and ___________ joined in the fight.

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**Present**

People throw ___________ at one another and have great ___________.

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Choose the best answers according to the passage.

Main Idea

1. What is the main idea of the passage?
   a. World festival tours  
   b. Various festivals around the world  
   c. Festival dishes with tomatoes  
   d. Spain’s tomato fight festival

Supporting Details

2. La Tomatina is an exciting tomato fight festival in ___________.
   a. Brazil  
   b. Italy  
   c. Spain  
   d. Turkey

3. La Tomatina begins at ___________ and the fight lasts for ___________.
   a. 9 o’clock – an hour  
   b. 10 o’clock – two hours  
   c. 11 o’clock – two hours  
   d. 1 o’clock – an hour

4. How often is La Tomatina held?
   a. Every spring  
   b. Once a year  
   c. Every month  
   d. Every six months

5. What is NOT true about La Tomatina?
   a. It began in Buñol in the 1940s.  
   b. People bring their own tomatoes to the main plaza.  
   c. People are covered in red tomato juice.  
   d. Everyone helps to clean up the streets after it is over.

Inference

6. What can be inferred from the passage?
   a. La Tomatina is the biggest festival in the world.  
   b. Buñol is very famous for growing lots of tomatoes.  
   c. Only people who live in eastern Spain can join the festival.  
   d. A fight on the street developed into today’s La Tomatina.
Summarizing

◆ Complete the summary with the correct words.

*La Tomatina* is an exciting ___________________ festival in Buñol, Spain. It is held on the last Wednesday of August every year. ___________________, some friends fought with fruit and passers-by ___________________. It became a festival called *La Tomatina*. On the festival day, people ___________________ the main plaza. At 11 o’clock, the tomatoes arrive and people begin to throw them at ___________________. They have great fun. Two hours later, people help to ___________________ the streets.

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Making Connections

◆ Writing  _ Think about some world festivals that you know. Write your answers to the questions.

1. Have you ever participated in any festival? When and where was it?
   - ____________________________________________.

2. What kind of festival was it and what did people do there?
   - It was ___________________ and people ___________________.

3. What festivals in other countries would you like to go to?
   - I would like to ____________________________________________.

_Idea Box_  ▶ **Festivals:** Notting Hill Carnival in England / Sapporo Snow Festival in Japan
   Oktoberfest in Germany / Rio Samba Festival in Brazil
   ▶ **What people do:** march in a parade / look at lots of ice sculptures / go to music concerts and plays / dance to music / see fireworks at night

◆ Speaking  _ Talk with your partner about other famous world festivals._