



SMART JUNIORS 3

Exploring the World and Its Diverse Cultures

Lesson 39
Read for Detail

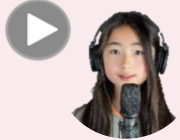


- Listen and review the interview we learned last time.

▶ Embracing Cultural Diversity: A Review of Unique Festivals

Host: Hello and welcome to another episode of Smart Insights! Today, we have four **insightful** teenagers with us to share their honest reviews of four unique festivals. Let's dive into the colorful world of cultural celebrations!





Ruby: The Holi Festival in India is a lively celebration with vibrant colors and a sense of togetherness. It usually falls at the end of winter. It's one of the best cultural events I've ever seen. People joyfully throw colored powders, creating a festive atmosphere that's even better than expected. However, cleaning up afterward can be a challenge because the colored powders leave streets and public spaces messy. Despite the **post-celebration** cleanup being time-consuming, I highly recommend experiencing this event for anyone who wants to experience India's rich culture.



May: The Boryeong Mud Festival in South Korea is an annual summer event held at Daecheon Beach to celebrate the great benefits of mud. The festival's Mud Zone, where main activities like mud wrestling and mudslides were held, was absolutely perfect! It was a nice surprise that they included K-pop concerts with various artists. The only thing that disappointed me was the hour-long **queue** to the Mud Zone. Despite this, I still enjoyed the whole experience. Don't miss the chance to join in the fun!



Kelly: Dia de los Muertos in Mexico is a lively celebration honoring **departed** loved ones. The festival features colorful **altars** with marigolds, candles, and offerings. I was pleased to find the deep cultural connection, beautiful decorations, and unity among people. I was a bit let down by how the crowded spaces made it harder to fully engage in the festivities. Personally, the emotional impact and cultural richness are more important to me, and I would advise anyone who appreciates a unique blend of tradition and art to experience this festival.



Nolan: La Tomatina in Spain is an annual tomato-throwing festival where trucks carrying about 180,000 tomatoes are distributed in the town for thousands of festival goers. The vibrant atmosphere and the joy of getting messy is what makes this a unique experience. Unfortunately, the festival's popularity led to overcrowding, making it physically challenging. For me, the whole experience was overwhelming and I **hesitate** to try it again. I would strongly advise against attending this event, especially for those with health problems.



Host: Thank you for tuning in to this episode of Smart Insights. Until next time, keep learning, everyone!

- Identify which teenager is being referred to below.

Which teenager...

- attended a concert featuring many artists?
- discourages people with health problems from attending the festival he/she went to?
- recommended to experience an Indian festival?
- went to a festival that honors departed loved ones?
- was disappointed by the long queues for a festival activity?



Ruby



May



Kelly



Nolan

- **Read the 1st review and answer.**

Why does Ruby recommend the Holi Festival despite the messy cleanup?

- A** The vibrant colors won't stain clothes.
- B** The cultural experience is greater than the effort.
- C** It's a good way to meet new people.
- D** The festival is more fun if you help clean up.

Review 1

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- **Read the 2nd review and answer:**

Tick the festival activities that the speaker enjoyed.

- mudslides
- concerts
- queue
- beach volleyball
- mud wrestling

Review 2

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- **Read the 3rd review and answer:**

What does the speaker value most about Dia de los Muertos?

- A** The vibrant decorations and festive atmosphere.
- B** The deep cultural significance and emotional connection.
- C** The lively experience of being in a large crowd.
- D** The opportunity to recommend the event to others.

Review 3

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- **Read the 4th review and answer.**

Which is TRUE about La Tomatina based on the review?

- A** The festival involves throwing various fruits, creating a lively atmosphere.
- B** Tomatoes are provided regularly all throughout the year.
- C** Participants get messy with a large amount of tomatoes.
- D** Tomatoes are locally grown in the area.

Review 4

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Useful Expressions

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Let me try!

_____ was pleased to find _____
_____.

Useful Expressions

I would strongly advise against attending this event, especially for those with health problems.

Let me try!

_____ would strongly advise against _____
_____.



- Complete the summary of the interview.

Teenagers shared mixed reviews on cultural fe_____. Holi in In_____ was colorful but messy, Boryeong Mud Festival had long queues but the Mud Zone activities and K-pop co_____ were fun, Dia de los Muertos in Mexico was emotional but cro_____, and La Tomatina was very unique yet over_____ and not recommended for those with health problems.





WHAT'S NEXT...

In the next lesson, we're going to learn the writing skills for a review. See you next time!