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**CLASS IV SUBJECT- ENGLISH (2020 - 2021)**

**TOPIC: L-9 LA TOMATINA (COURSEBOOK)**

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**LEARNING OUTCOMES**

*Each child will be able to:*

- *read and appreciate the different culture and tradition of another country.*
- *enjoy and understand the celebration of a popular international festival.*
- *enhance his/her knowledge about the festivals celebrated across the world.*

Let's start the class by watching these YouTube videos to know about the Spanish festival-

**LA TOMATINA**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U\\_6NRddULq4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U_6NRddULq4)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h6S9ZlJegaY>



**Dear children**

La Tomatina is a festival that is held in the Valencian town of Buñol, in the East of Spain 30 kilometres from the Mediterranean, in which participants throw tomatoes and get involved in a tomato fight purely for entertainment purposes.

As Holi is to Indians, Tomorrowland is to Belgians, Burning Man is to Americans; so is La Tomatina to Spaniards. Yes, we are talking about the world's most famous food fight that happens every year on the last Wednesday of August; since 1945 in Bunol, Spain. Besides being a food

**festival, La Tomatina has many other things worth knowing. Here are some interesting facts about La Tomatina:**

**1. It All Started With A Fight**

On the last Wednesday of August 1945 when a group of boys attended the Giants and Big-Heads figures parade in the Town Square, one participant's big head accidentally fell off, and the participant became so enraged that he started hitting everything in his path. A market stall of vegetable had to bear the brunt of the crowd; people started pelting each other with tomatoes. The following year, a group of boys organized a pre-planned tomato fight, and since then, the festival has become an annual tradition in the small Spanish town of Buñol near Valencia.

**2. Two Strict Rules** There are two strict rules to be followed while enjoying La Tomatina- throw only squashed tomatoes and do not throw anything other than a tomato.

**3. Not Just A Tomato Festival** Before the actual fun starts, participants get to enjoy parades, firework, and paella (Valencian rice dish) cooking contest.

**4. Just An Hour To Enjoy** The Festival lasts from noon to 1 pm.

**5. Beware Of Alarms** The festival starts with the boom of a canon and ends with the second alarm. After the second alarm is sounded no one is allowed to throw tomatoes.

**6. 40 metric tonnes of tomatoes are used** The fight only lasts for one hour, but during that time around 150,000 over-ripe tomatoes are splattered. These tomatoes were probably never going to be eaten – they're low in quality, inferior in taste and are bought very cheaply.

**La Tomatina has now become a huge tourist attraction. People from every part of the world visit Spain during this festival.**

**Let's recapitulate the lesson through the following exercises. (Ques. A to C to be done in the notebook after discussing in the class.)**

**A. Match the column I with column II for correct answers.**

**COLUMN I**

- a. Bunol
- b. The fight lasts
- c. La Tomatina festival
- d. The origin of the festival

**COLUMN II**

- i) dates back to 1945.
- ii) must be squashed before throwing.
- iii) is a small town in Spain.
- iv) for an hour only.

e. The tomatoes

v) is held on the last Wednesday of August.

**B. Read the rules of this festival carefully from the lesson. Now think about any three rules which should be followed while playing Holi and write them down.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. \_\_\_\_\_ .

**C. Click on the given link and enjoy a virtual tour of Bunol, Spain. Write your experience in a short paragraph about the La Tomatina celebration in your Creative Writing notebook in 80-100 words.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wA--N-bEzfM>

**D. Research and find out where these popular festivals are celebrated around the globe.**

- a) The festival of lights, Obon .....
- b) The Dragon Boat festival .....
- c) World's biggest religious festival, Mahakumbh .....
- d) Carnival .....
- e) Songkran .....

### **WORDLY WISE**

Dear children....Welcome back to this section. This week we are going to learn the next five words as part of our Wordly Wise exercise. Given below are some sentences. Read them carefully and try to infer the meaning of the highlighted words. Then match the words given in Column A with their respective meaning in Column B.

**(Please remember:- This work is to be done in the Vocabulary Notebook.)**

1. The situation seems to be **chaotic** at present .
2. There was a **massive** earthquake in Gujarat.
3. It was a **spectacular** show.
4. The hunter **unleashed** the trapped deer.
5. The cherries were totally **squashed** to make the cake.

### COLUMN A

- 1) chaotic
- 2) massive
- 3) spectacular
- 4) unleashed
- 5) squashed

### COLUMN B

- i) impressive
- ii) pressed thoroughly
- iii) set free
- iv) very large
- v) absolute confusion

Now use each of these words to form a meaningful sentence on your own in the Vocabulary notebook.

### Vocabulary Enrichment

Children, in this section we are familiarising you with the words which convey something that is more than ordinary. We need to replace these with a single word to make the language more compact and richer. Let's look at the words for this week.

1. **very loud** : roaring      The music was quite unpleasant and **roaring**.
2. **very confused** : puzzled      I was **puzzled** by her odd behaviour.
3. **very bright** : dazzling      The room was **dazzling** with so many lights.
4. **very crowded** : cramped      The hall was **cramped** with so many guests.
5. **very old fashioned** : outdated      This computer seems to be **outdated**.

**You must try and make use of these new words while conversing with others.**



# 9 La Tomatina

Discuss with the children whether they enjoy playing Holi. Let them list any three things about Holi that make it a special festival for them.

La Tomatina is an annual festival held in Buñol, a small town in Spain. This annual festival begins on the last Wednesday in August and its highlight is the tomato fight that begins at 11 am. Every year, thousands of people from all over the world reach this little town to take part in this **chaotic** event.

Participants get one hour to **unleash** their inner child and engage in the biggest food fight in the world. The city council dumps truckloads of tomatoes in the streets, and once the festival begins, no one is safe from the attack of **squishy** tomatoes.





Rules of the festival are very simple.

- Tomatoes need to be **squashed** before throwing so people don't get hurt.
- No other vegetable except tomato is allowed.
- Participants have to make way for trucks and other vehicles.
- After the second horn is blown, which indicates the end of the festival, no more tomatoes should be thrown.



Participants are **recommended** to wear goggles to protect their eyes from the acid in tomatoes. After the fight, firefighters **hose down** the town while the locals generously offer the participants their houses for cleaning up. Around 1,50,000 tomatoes are used in La Tomatina. The tomatoes used are usually of a low quality and inferior in taste.

La Tomatina is just the highlight of a week of festivities. The week leading up to the **massive slug fest** is filled with huge parades, fireworks and the famous **paella**-cooking contests.

The origins of this tomato-throwing festival are a bit **sketchy**. No one knows for sure how it began.

However, it is largely believed that in August 1945, a street fight broke out in Buñol. One of the participants started throwing vegetables from a nearby stall. This led to everyone doing the same, and a furious vegetable battle followed. Next year, the same group of young people picked a quarrel on purpose and brought their own tomatoes this time.

Although **lawmakers** tried to put an end to the chaos, every year, around the same time, more and more people gathered to repeat the tomato war. Despite the growing popularity, the fight was **outlawed** in the 1950s. However, due to the rising pressure from the locals, the town council approved the fight again in 1959, with the **stipulation** that the tomato throwing could only begin with the sound of a horn and would end when the horn is sounded again.



From then onwards, La Tomatina has emerged as one of the most popular festivals of Spain. In 2002, it was named the 'Festivity of International Tourist Interest' by Spain's tourism ministry because of its **spectacular** success.

## New Words

chaotic	in a state of absolute confusion
unleash	let free
squishy	pulpy; with juices coming out
squashed	( <i>here</i> ) pressed something so that it is no longer firm
recommended	suggested
hose down	to clean with water from a large pipe
massive	very large
slug fest	( <i>here</i> ) a contest of boxing and baseball
paella	a rice dish
sketchy	incomplete or without much detail
lawmakers	people in the government who make laws
outlawed	made illegal
stipulation	a firm statement that something must be done
spectacular	very impressive

## Comprehension

A1. Answer these questions.

1. What happens during the tomato fight?
2. What are the rules of the tomato fight?
3. How is the town cleaned up after the fight?
4. What activities are held during the week of festivities?
5. How did the La Tomatina festival start?
6. With what stipulation was the tomato fight restarted?