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60 min

A Tale of Two Seasons

Skills:

- Can understand the important information in simple, clearly drafted adverts in newspapers or magazines.
- Can understand the description of places, events, guides, and magazine articles that are written in high-frequency, everyday language.

Adults

Group

1 Pair up with a classmate. Discuss with your partner:

- Your favorite season and why you like it.
- One favorite activity you enjoy during that season.

Take turns briefly sharing your discussion points with the class.

2 Match the words with their definitions:

harvest

blossom

filled with

vibrant

landscape

outdoor activities

1. the natural scenery of an area, including mountains, valleys, forests, and rivers.
2. full of life, energy, and bright colors.
3. recreational activities that take place outside, such as hiking, biking, or camping.

4. containing a large amount of something.
5. the process of gathering crops from fields or gardens.
6. the flower of a plant, especially one that is large and brightly colored.

3 Read the dialogue and answer the questions.

Hi Jack! How's the weather there in the USA?

Hey Maria! It's great. Spring has finally arrived and I'm loving the warm weather. What about you?

Oh, it's quite different here in Argentina. We're in autumn now, so it's getting cold, the landscape turns vibrant with different colors and then leaves are falling from the trees.

That sounds beautiful. Do people do anything special during autumn in Argentina?

Yes, we have many traditional festivals to celebrate the harvest season. And since it's not too hot or cold, outdoor activities like hiking and picnics are popular. What about in the US during spring?

Well, everyone is excited for baseball season to start and parks are filled with people having BBQs and playing sports. People also go on road trips to see the cherry blossoms.

Wow, that all sounds amazing. Maybe I'll visit the US next spring to experience it myself.

Definitely, and I would love to come to Argentina for your fall festivals someday.

Questions:

1. What season is it in the USA and Argentina according to the conversation?
2. How does Jack describe the weather in the USA?
3. What outdoor activities are popular during autumn in Argentina?
4. What special festivals do people celebrate in Argentina during the harvest season?
5. How do people in the US typically enjoy springtime, according to Jack?

4 Skim the ads about different autumn events in Argentina and choose the one you'd like to attend. Explain why and what you are going to do there.

Experience the vibrant celebration of Vendimia - the grape harvest festival in Mendoza! You can stomp on grapes, try different wines, watch traditional dances, and listen to live music. Reserve your tickets now for this unique festival that showcases the best of Mendoza's wine country. Join us at Vendimia and create memories that will last a lifetime.

If you love chocolate, you can't miss the Chocolate Festival in Bariloche! You can taste all kinds of delicious chocolates from local brands, participate in chocolate-making workshops, and enjoy live shows. It's happening in the beautiful town of Bariloche with an amazing colorful landscape. Come and have a weekend full of chocolate fun!

Are you a food lover? Then come to the Plow Disc Cooking Festival in Villa Yacanto, a town at the foot of Mounts Champaquí and Negro. You'll get to try delicious food cooked on special plow discs. They'll have meats and vegetables that are super hot and taste great. Don't miss out on this one-of-a-kind gastronomic event!

Come celebrate the Monkey-Puzzle Tree Festival in the Province of Neuquén! Enjoy a day filled with live music, delicious food, and traditional crafts. Learn about the unique Monkey-Puzzle Tree and its significance to the region. Fun activities for the whole family including tree climbing and guided nature walks. Don't miss the opportunity to dive into this authentic cultural experience!

5 Match the correct halves of the sentences below to learn some facts about autumn in Argentina and spring in the USA:

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| 1. Autumn in Argentina starts | a. "mate" is enjoyed during autumn gatherings. |
| 2. Patagonia is filled | b. with tourists in Autumn because it looks incredible. |
| 3. Spring break is a popular time | c. festivals take place during this time in Argentina. |
| 4. Many grape harvest | d. vibrant with reds, oranges, and yellows. |
| 5. The traditional Argentine drink | e. for its special firefly shows. |
| 6. Cherry blossom festivals | f. in the spring in the USA. |
| 7. The weather in autumn is mild and perfect for outdoor | g. activities. |
| 8. The country's landscape becomes | h. in March. |
| 9. Baseball season officially starts | i. for college students to travel. |
| 10. The Great Smoky Mountains National Park in Tennessee is famous | |

Correct answers

1 The task was generated in the “Lead-in Activities” tool.

2 Created in the “Word-Definition Matching” tool.

- 1. landscape
- 2. vibrant
- 3. outdoor activities
- 4. filled with
- 5. harvest
- 6. blossom

3 Created in the “Create a Dialogue” tool.

4 Created in the “Bits and Pieces” tool.

5 Created in “Interesting Facts” + “Matching Halves”.

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