

B1. II

UNIT 10

Exercise 1

Read the text and choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) for each space (1–7).

The History of the Scottish Kilt

Scottish kilts are known as the national dress of Scotland and are one of the country's most famous symbols. They have a long history and are a sign of national pride for many Scottish people.

Kilts first appeared in the 16th century, when they (1) _____ by men living in the Highlands of northern Scotland. At that time, they were long garments that covered (2) _____ of the body. Later, during the 1720s, the British Army began to use kilts as part of (3) _____ uniform.

The shorter kilt that people wear today did not appear until the late 17th or early 18th century. In 1853, the Gordon Highlanders became the first military group to use knife pleats, and this style soon became popular (4) _____ civilians as well. As fashion changed, kilts included new details such as waistbands, buckles and straps. Nowadays, a traditional kilt usually has 29 pleats and is made (5) _____ about eight yards of tartan fabric.

During the 19th century, kilts were mainly worn for formal events such as weddings, Highland games and holiday celebrations. Today, however, they are also accepted as casual clothing and are often worn in everyday life. The kilt has (6) _____ become an important part of Scottish culture again. It is even the official uniform (7) _____ Scotland's Tartan Army football supporters. Today, many people wear a kilt because they are proud of their Scottish traditions.

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| 1. | A. wear | B. wore | C. were worn | D. have worn |
| 2. | A. every | B. all | C. most | D. whole |
| 3. | A. its | B. his | C. their | D. them |
| 4. | A. through | B. between | C. across | D. among |
| 5. | A. by | B. from | C. with | D. of |
| 6. | A. never | B. once | C. also | D. already |
| 7. | A. for | B. by | C. to | D. of |

Exercise 2

For questions 1–8, choose from the people (A–F). The people may be chosen more than once.

Which person...

1. says that a family tradition happens every week? _____
2. enjoys a celebration with music and dancing? _____
3. mentions a custom that helps people avoid the summer heat? _____
4. talks about sharing food with other people? _____
5. says that visitors are surprised by a Spanish tradition? _____
6. describes an event that only happens once a year? _____
7. enjoys watching a traditional parade? _____
8. says that a tradition is important because it brings the family together? _____

A. Marta

Every Sunday, my grandparents invite the whole family for lunch. We usually eat paella or roast chicken, and everyone brings a dessert. We spend hours talking and laughing together. I think this weekly tradition is one of the best parts of Spanish family life because we can all enjoy each other's company.

B. Carlos

In my town, we celebrate the local festival every August. There are concerts, traditional dances and fireworks at night. People wear special clothes and the streets are full of music. Friends who visit us always say they have never seen such a lively celebration.

C. Elena

During the hottest months of the year, many shops close for a few hours after lunch. Some people go home to rest before returning to work later in the afternoon. This makes life more comfortable when temperatures are very high.

D. Pablo

At Christmas, I always look forward to the parade of the Three Kings on 5 January. The streets are full of colourful floats, and children collect sweets thrown by the people in the parade. It is one of my favourite days of the year.

E. Lucía

One tradition I love is going out for tapas with friends. Instead of having a large meal, we visit different cafés and share small dishes. It is a great way to spend time together because everyone can try different kinds of food.

F. Javier

My favourite celebration is *Las Fallas* in Valencia. It only takes place once a year, in March. People build huge figures, and at the end of the festival they are burned in large bonfires. It is an unforgettable experience.

Exercise 3

Select the correct word from the two options given below each sentence.

1. Let's stay in tonight; it's _____ freezing outside.
a) absolutely b) very
2. I was _____ devastated when I heard the news.
a) utterly b) a little
3. This work of art is _____ unique.
a) a bit b) totally
4. It's _____ important to have good friends.
a) very b) totally
5. Her new dress is _____ unusual.
a) slightly b) really
6. Peter is _____ angry with Emily today.
a) absolutely b) extremely
7. These photographs are very _____.
a) good b) excellent
8. The film was _____ interesting that I watched it twice.
a) absolutely b) so
9. Sarah was _____ exhausted after running the marathon.
a) completely b) very
10. This math exercise is _____ difficult for me to do without help.
a) too b) completely