



Festivals

Task 1: A Tomato Festival in Spain

Activity 1: Listening

Welcome to a practice listening for the GESE 5.

You are going to hear a talk about a tomato festival in Spain. You will hear the talk twice. As you listen, write down some notes about what you hear, if you want to. I will ask you six questions on some facts about a tomato festival in Spain. Are you ready?

Audio Script

Have you ever wanted to be in a food fight? Well, you can find one of the biggest food fight events in Buñol, Valencia, Spain. This original festival and celebration started in August of 1945 but was banned in the early 50s, until in 1957 the town of Buñol protested. They did this by holding a tomato burial. They had a coffin with a huge tomato in it and a band that was playing funeral marches, which was followed by the burial parade. After this protest, it became an official festival, called "La Tomatina". A journalist talked about this festival on t.v., converting it into a popular festival worldwide, and every year since then, more and more people have participated. So, in 2013, there could only be up to twenty-two thousand people at the yearly festival. To control the quantity of people, since the crowds were huge, the town now sells tickets at the starting price of twelve euros. Can you imagine what it must be like to throw up to sixty thousand kilos of tomatoes!

Now I will ask you some questions. You only need to answer in a few words.

Now let's look at the questions again, but with the possible answers.

This is the end of the listening task.

Questions & Answers:

1	When did the festival start?	August 1945
2	What did the people of Buñol do in 1957?	protest /protested
3	What was behind the coffin?	the band
4	How did the festival become famous?	a journalist talked about the festival
5	How many people can assist the festival?	22,000 / twenty-two thousand (people)
6	How much does it cost to go to the festival?	twelve euros

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