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TOPIC: EXPLORING CULTURAL DIVERSITY IN A CONNECTED WORLD				
LEARNING OBJECTIVE:	Desarrollar la competencia comunicativa en inglés mediante el uso de la voz pasiva en diferentes tiempos gramaticales, promoviendo la reflexión y el análisis intercultural de aspectos como creencias, costumbres, modales, celebraciones, gastronomía y deportes, con el fin de fortalecer el respeto por la diversidad cultural y la construcción de una ciudadanía global.			
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WEEKS 1-2

CULTURE AND IDENTITY

WHAT IS CULTURE?



Culture is the way people live in a society, and it includes their traditions, beliefs, values, language, and daily practices. In general, people learn about culture through their families, communities, and experiences. In other words, culture is not something we are born with; instead, it is learned and shared over time.

First, one important element of culture is language, because it allows people to communicate ideas and express feelings. At the same time, traditions play a key role since they help preserve identity. For example, many

traditions are celebrated every year, and they bring people together as a community. In Colombia, events like the Feria de las Flores are organized to show local identity and pride.

In addition, food is an essential part of culture. People prepare and enjoy traditional dishes in their daily lives, and these meals often reflect history and geography. For instance, arepas and *bandeja paisa* are very popular in Colombia. These dishes are made with local ingredients, and they are usually shared with family and friends during special occasions.

Another important aspect of culture is beliefs and values. People develop ideas about respect, religion, and social behavior based on their environment. As a result, traditions are respected and followed in different ways. For example, some customs are influenced by religion, while others are shaped by history.

Moreover, social behavior and manners are also part of culture. People act differently depending on their cultural context. For example, in some countries, people greet each other with a handshake, while in others, a kiss or a bow is used. In many societies, good manners are expected both in public and at home.

Finally, sports can also be considered a cultural element because they connect people and create a sense of identity. Many people watch and play sports in their free time. In Colombia, football is very popular, and it is played in many places, from streets to professional stadiums. Through sports, values such as teamwork and discipline are promoted.

In conclusion, culture is a complex system that combines many elements, such as traditions, beliefs, food, and social practices. It helps people understand the world and connect with others. At the same time, culture is constantly changing, since new ideas are introduced and different cultures interact in today's globalized world.

Activity 1: match the words (A–H) with their meanings (1–8).

Words	Meanings
A. beliefs	___1. A feeling of belonging to a group
B. traditions	___2. Ideas that people think are true
C. identity	___3. Rules of polite behavior
D. preserve	___4. Activities and customs repeated over time
E. manners	___5. To keep something safe and unchanged
F. community	___6. A group of people living together or sharing interests
G. values	___7. Principles about what is important or right
H. globalized	___8. Connected with people and cultures around the world

Activity 2: write T (True) or F (False), then correct the false ones.

- People are born knowing their culture. ____
- Language helps people communicate ideas and feelings. ____
- Traditions can help preserve cultural identity. ____
- Bandeja paisa is mentioned as a traditional Colombian sport. ____
- Beliefs and values are influenced by people's environment. ____
- People greet each other the same way in every country. ____
- Sports can help create a sense of identity. ____
- Culture never changes over time. ____

Activity 3: answer the questions in complete sentences.

- How do people learn about culture?

- Why is language important in a culture?

- What example of a Colombian tradition is mentioned in the text?

- How can food reflect a country's history and geography?

e. What are two traditional Colombian foods mentioned?

f. What factors influence people's beliefs and values?

g. How do greetings differ among cultures?

h. Why are sports considered part of culture?

What values can sports promote?

i. Why is culture constantly changing?

Activity 4: answer the questions with your own ideas.

a. Which cultural element do you think is most important? Why?

b. What traditional food represents your country?

c. How has globalization influenced your culture?

d. What sport is most popular in your area? Why?

e. What tradition would you like to preserve for future generations?

WEEKS 3-5

PASSIVE VOICE

Active voice

In active voice, the subject performs the action of the verb. This structure is clear and direct because it shows who does the action. For example, *People celebrate traditions*. In this sentence, 'people' are the subject and they perform the action 'celebrate'.

Passive voice

In passive voice, the subject receives the action instead of performing it. The focus is on the action or the result rather than the person who does it. For example, *Traditions are celebrated by people*. In this sentence, 'traditions' receive the action 'are celebrated'.

ACTIVE VOICE

The subject
does the action.

PASSIVE VOICE

PASSIVE VOICE

The action is **done**
to the subject.



SIMPLE PRESENT

We use the passive voice when the action is **more important** than the person who does it.

HOW TO FORM IT

am is are	+	past participle	+	by + agent (optional)
am → I is → he / she / it are → you / we / they				



EXAMPLES

ACTIVE VOICE	PASSIVE VOICE
Artisans make pottery.	→ Pottery is made by artisans.
Colombians cook delicious food.	→ Delicious food is cooked by Colombians.
Musicians play traditional music.	→ Traditional music is played by musicians.
They play football every weekend.	→ Football is played every weekend.

COMMON PAST PARTICIPLES

celebrate	→ celebrated
make	→ made
cook	→ cooked
play	→ played
speak	→ spoken
organize	→ organized
watch	→ watched
respect	→ respected

KEY POINTS

- ✓ We use the passive voice when we don't know or don't want to say who does the action.
- ✓ We use it when the action or the result is more important.
- ✓ The agent (by + person) can be omitted if it is not important.

Culture connects us. Pass on respect, traditions and values.
Culture is learned, shared and celebrated!



Activity 5: transform the following sentences from active voice to passive voice.

- People celebrate cultural festivals every year.

- Colombians prepare traditional dishes for special occasions.

- Artisans make beautiful handicrafts.

- Families share stories and traditions with their children.

- Musicians perform traditional songs during festivals.

- Many communities preserve their cultural heritage.

- Students learn local customs at school.

- People speak Spanish in many Latin American countries.

- Fans watch football matches every weekend.

- Tourists visit historical sites throughout the year.

FOOD AND TRADITIONS

Food plays an important role in culture because traditions are often shared through meals. Around the world, special dishes are prepared for celebrations, holidays, and family gatherings. These recipes are usually passed down from generation to generation and are considered an important part of cultural identity.



In Colombia, arepas are eaten in many homes, and *bandeja paisa* is enjoyed during family events and special occasions.

During local festivals, traditional foods are prepared and shared with relatives and friends. In Mexico, tamales are made for important celebrations, while in Italy, traditional pasta dishes are served during family meals. These foods are often prepared using local ingredients, and their recipes are influenced by history and geography.

Through food, cultural values are preserved and community bonds are strengthened. Traditional meals are enjoyed by people of all ages, and stories are often shared around the table. As a result, culture is celebrated, remembered, and passed on through food.

Activity 6: traditional food and culture

Choose a traditional dish from your region or country and write a paragraph of 60 words explaining its ingredients, when it is usually eaten, and why it is important in your culture. Use at least **three passive voice** sentences to describe how the dish is prepared, served, or enjoyed.

Activity 7: My Favorite Dish.

Record a 1-minute video about your favorite dish, whether it is Colombian or from another country. Describe the dish, its main ingredients, when it is usually eaten, and why you like it. Explain if it is connected to any family or cultural traditions. Use at least two passive voice sentences in your presentation, such as *"It is prepared with..."* or *"It is served during..."*. You may show a picture of the dish or the dish itself during your recording.

The video must be submitted through Google Classroom. Further instructions about the submission process will be provided in class.

PASSIVE VOICE

SIMPLE PAST

We use the passive voice when the action is more important than the person who does it.

FORM

Subject + was / were + past participle
(main verb in past participle)

EXAMPLES

They **cooked** the dinner.
(Active)



The dinner **was cooked** by them.
(Passive)



EXAMPLES WITH TO BE

I / He / She / It	was	} + past participle
You / We / They	were	



Remember:

In passive voice, the action comes before the person who does it.

MORE EXAMPLES

- The letters **were written** by my sister.
- The movie **was watched** by many people.
- The house **was built** in 1990.
- The book **was given** to me yesterday.
- The window **was broken** last night.



CELEBRATIONS AND HISTORY AROUND THE WORLD



Celebrations are an important part of culture because they help people remember historical events, honor traditions, and strengthen community bonds. Throughout history, many festivals and holidays have been created to preserve cultural identity and pass values from one generation to the next.

One of the oldest celebrations in history is the Olympic Games, which were first held in Ancient Greece in 776 BC. Today, athletes from all over the world participate in this international event. Similarly, Chinese New Year has been celebrated for thousands of years and marks the beginning of a new lunar

year. During this celebration, family gatherings are organized and traditional foods are enjoyed.

In Europe, Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated every March to honor Ireland's patron saint. Meanwhile, in India, Holi welcomes spring with music, dancing, and colorful powders. In Mexico, Day of the Dead remembers loved ones who have passed away. For this tradition, beautiful altars were created and decorated with flowers and photographs.

Other famous celebrations include Carnival in Brazil, Independence Day in the United States, and the Feria de las Flores in Colombia, which was organized for the first time in 1957. Through these celebrations, history is remembered, traditions are shared, and cultures continue to thrive around the globe.

Activity 8: match the celebrations (A–H) with the descriptions (1–8).

CELEBRATIONS	DESCRIPTIONS
A. Olympic Games	1. ____ A celebration that includes colorful powders and welcomes spring.
B. Chinese New Year	2. ____ A sporting event that began in Ancient Greece.

- C. Saint Patrick's Day
- D. Holi
- E. Day of the Dead
- F. Carnival
- G. Independence Day (USA)
- H. Feria de las Flores

- 3. ____ A festival in Medellín known for its flower displays.
- 4. ____ A celebration that honors loved ones who have passed away.
- 5. ____ A holiday that commemorates the declaration of independence in 1776.
- 6. ____ A celebration of Irish culture held every March.
- 7. ____ A festival famous for music, costumes, and parades in Brazil.
- 8. ____ A celebration that marks the beginning of a new lunar year.

Activity 9: read the text again and place the events in chronological order. Then complete the information requested in the timeline.



CELEBRATIONS TIMELINE



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Year: _____ Celebration: _____ _____ _____ Country: _____	Year: _____ Celebration: _____ _____ _____ Country: _____	Year: _____ Celebration: _____ _____ _____ Country: _____	Year: _____ Celebration: _____ _____ _____ Country: _____	Year: _____ Celebration: _____ _____ _____ Country: _____	Year: _____ Celebration: _____ _____ _____ Country: _____	Year: _____ Celebration: _____ _____ _____ Country: _____	Year: _____ Celebration: _____ _____ _____ Country: _____



Activity 10: rewrite the active voice sentences in the simple past passive voice.

a. People organized the first Feria de las Flores in 1957.

b. Communities celebrated Independence Day across the country.

c. Families prepared traditional foods for Chinese New Year.

d. Artists created colorful decorations for Carnival.

e. People held the first Olympic Games in Ancient Greece.

RIO CARNIVAL

The Rio Carnival is one of the largest and most famous celebrations in the world. It takes place every year in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, usually in February or March, before Lent. Millions of people attend the event, and thousands of tourists travel to Brazil to experience its colorful atmosphere.

The carnival has its origins in European traditions that were brought to Brazil centuries ago. Over time, African and Indigenous influences were added, creating the unique celebration that exists today. During the festival, spectacular parades are organized in the Sambadrome, where samba schools compete with elaborate costumes, music, and floats. Many costumes are designed months in advance, and impressive floats are built for the performances.



In addition to the official parades, street parties known as *blocos* are held throughout the city. Music is played in public spaces, and traditional dances are performed by participants of all ages. Every year, cultural traditions are celebrated, and Brazilian identity is proudly displayed. As a result, the Rio Carnival is recognized as one of the most important cultural events in the world.

Activity 11: read the text and write T (True) or F (False). Correct the false ones.

- a. The Rio Carnival takes place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. ____
- b. The celebration is held after Lent. ____
- c. Millions of people attend the carnival every year. ____
- d. The carnival has only African influences. ____
- e. Samba school parades are organized in the Sambadrome. ____
- f. Costumes are designed months before the event. ____
- g. Street parties known as *blocos* are held throughout the city. ____
- h. Traditional dances are performed only by professional dancers. ____
- i. Brazilian culture is displayed during the celebration. ____
- j. The Rio Carnival is considered one of the most important cultural events in the world. ____

Activity 12: match the beginnings (A–F) with the endings (1–6).

A. The Rio Carnival takes place...	1. ____ as <i>blocos</i> .
B. Millions of tourists...	2. ____ in Rio de Janeiro.
C. Samba schools compete...	3. ____ months in advance.
D. Costumes are designed...	4. ____ travel to Brazil every year.
E. Street parties are known...	5. ____ displayed during the celebration.
F. Brazilian identity is...	6. ____ with elaborate costumes and floats.

WEEKS 7-8

SPORTS AROUND THE WORLD

Sports play an important role in cultures around the world because they bring people together, promote teamwork, and create a sense of identity. They are enjoyed by people of all ages and are often used to teach important values such as discipline, respect, and perseverance. While some sports are popular worldwide, others are closely connected to specific countries and traditions.

One of the most popular sports is football (soccer). It is played in nearly every country, and international tournaments attract millions of fans. The FIFA World Cup is considered the most important football competition, and it is watched by billions of people around the world. Many legendary players have been recognized for their achievements in this sport.

Another important sport is cricket, which is especially popular in countries such as India, Pakistan, Australia, and England. Major tournaments are organized every year, and exciting matches are followed by large audiences. In North America, basketball is widely played and watched. The sport was invented in 1891 by James Naismith, and professional leagues have been established in many countries.

Similarly, baseball is extremely popular in the United States, Japan, and several Latin American countries. In addition, tennis is played on every continent, and famous tournaments such as Wimbledon are held annually.

Through sports, friendships are formed, communities are strengthened, and cultural traditions are shared. As a result, sports continue to connect people from different backgrounds and are recognized as an important part of global culture.



Activity 13: answer the following questions in complete sentences.

- Why are sports considered important in cultures around the world?

- What is the most popular sport mentioned in the text?

- Why is the FIFA World Cup considered an important event?

- In which countries is cricket especially popular?

- Who invented basketball, and in what year was it invented?

- Which countries are mentioned as places where baseball is very popular?

- What famous tennis tournament is mentioned in the text?

- According to the text, how do sports help connect people from different backgrounds?

Activity 14: complete the chart using information from the text.

SPORT	COUNTRIES MENTIONED	INTERESTING FACT
Football		
Cricket		
Basketball		
Baseball		
Tennis		

Activity 15: use colors to match the words with their meanings.

Word	Meaning
1. tournament	a. a person who watches an event
2. achievement	b. the characteristics of a group or person
3. perseverance	c. a series of competitions

4. spectator	d. something successfully accomplished
5. identity	e. strong determination to continue

Activity 16: choose the correct answer for each questions.

1. **Why are sports important around the world?**
 - a. They promote teamwork and unity.
 - b. They replace cultural traditions.
 - c. They are only for professional athletes.
2. **Which sport is described as the most popular in the world?**
 - a. Cricket
 - b. Football (Soccer)
 - c. Tennis
3. **What is the FIFA World Cup?**
 - a. An international football competition.
 - b. A tennis tournament.
 - c. A cricket championship.
4. **Cricket is especially popular in:**
 - a. Brazil, Argentina, and Chile.
 - b. India, Pakistan, Australia, and England.
 - c. France, Germany, and Italy.
5. **Who invented basketball?**
 - a. Pelé
 - b. Roger Federer
 - c. James Naismith
6. **In what year was basketball invented?**
 - a. 1776
 - b. 1891
 - c. 1957
7. **Which sport is especially popular in the United States, Japan, and several Latin American countries?**
 - a. Baseball
 - b. Tennis
 - c. Cricket
8. **What is Wimbledon?**
 - a. A football stadium.
 - b. A famous tennis tournament.
 - c. A basketball league.
9. **Which value is mentioned in the text as being promoted through sports?**
 - a. Isolation
 - b. Perseverance
 - c. Competition only
10. **According to the text, sports help people:**
 - a. Focus only on winning.
 - b. Avoid cultural differences.
 - c. Connect with people from different backgrounds.

Activity 17: write a paragraph of 80–100 words explaining why sports are important. Include at least three reasons and support your ideas with examples. You may mention how sports help people stay healthy, develop teamwork, learn values, or connect with others. Use at least one passive voice sentence in your paragraph.

MANNERS AND SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AROUND THE WORLD



Manners and social behavior are important parts of culture because they help people interact respectfully with others. Different societies have different expectations about how people should behave, greet others, and show respect. These customs are learned from an early age and are often passed down through generations.

For example, in Japan, people usually bow when they meet someone. In many Western countries, a handshake is commonly used as a greeting. In Colombia and other Latin American countries, friends and family members are often

greeted with a kiss on the cheek. These social customs are practiced every day and are considered signs of politeness.

Good manners are also demonstrated in different ways around the world. In many cultures, elders are treated with special respect, and polite language is used when speaking to them. In some countries, shoes are removed before entering a home, while in others, this custom is not followed.

Although manners vary from culture to culture, common values such as respect, kindness, and consideration are promoted through social behavior. As a result, positive relationships are built, cultural traditions are preserved, and communities are strengthened through everyday interactions.

Activity 18: read the text and write T (True) or F (False).

- a. Manners and social behavior are important parts of culture. ____
- b. People around the world greet others in exactly the same way. ____
- c. Bowing is a common greeting in Japan. ____
- d. Handshakes are commonly used in many Western countries. ____
- e. In Colombia, friends and family members are often greeted with a kiss on the cheek. ____
- f. Shoes are removed before entering a home in every country. ____
- g. Respect and kindness are promoted through social behavior. ____
- h. Good manners can help strengthen communities. ____

Activity 19: complete the sentences using information from the text.

- a. In Japan, people usually _____ when they meet someone.
- b. In many Western countries, a _____ is commonly used as a greeting.
- c. In Colombia, friends and family members are often greeted with a _____.
- d. In many cultures, elders are treated with special _____.
- e. Through good manners, communities are _____.

Activity 20: research the social manner or custom associated with your assigned country. Then complete the chart with the information you find.

COUNTRY	IMPORTANT SOCIAL MANNER OR CUSTOM	WHEN IS IT PRACTICED?	WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?
Japan			

South Korea			
India			
Mexico			
Brazil			
Germany			
Saudi Arabia			
Colombia			

Activity 21: answer the questions and be ready to discuss in class.

a. Which social manner from the text surprised you the most? Why?

b. What manners are considered important in your community?

c. Why do you think manners are different from one culture to another?

d. How can good manners improve relationships between people?