

**Before You Read - Discuss:**

1. Do you enjoy cultural festivals?
2. What traditional festivals are celebrated in your country?
3. Why do people celebrate festivals?

Reading**Inti Raymi – The Festival of the Sun**

Inti Raymi is one of the most famous festivals in Peru. The name "Inti Raymi" means "Festival of the Sun" in the language of the Inca people.

The festival takes place every year in Cusco, the historic capital of the Inca Empire. Thousands of people gather to watch colorful performances, traditional music, and dancing.

During the celebration, people wear traditional costumes inspired by Inca history. Actors recreate important ceremonies, and a person dressed as the Inca emperor plays a central role in the event.

Inti Raymi celebrates the Sun, which was very important to the Inca civilization. Long ago, the Inca people believed the Sun gave life and helped their crops grow.

Today, Inti Raymi attracts visitors from around the world. It is an opportunity for Peruvians to celebrate their history and share their culture with others.

The festival combines tradition, history, music, and community spirit, making it one of South America's most impressive cultural events.

Vocabulary in Context

Match the words to their meanings.

Word

1. civilization
2. ceremony
3. costume
4. attract
5. tradition
6. community

Meaning

- special clothing
- a custom followed for many years
- a group of people living together
- a society with its own culture and history
- a formal celebration or event
- to bring people to a place

Reading Comprehension Answer the questions.	Find the Evidence Find a sentence in the text that shows:
1. What does "Inti Raymi" mean? 2. Where is the festival celebrated? 3. What do people wear during the festival? 4. Why was the Sun important to the Inca people? 5. Who visits the festival today? 6. Why is Inti Raymi important for Peru?	1. Inti Raymi is popular. 2. The festival has historical importance. 3. People from different countries visit. 4. Music and dancing are part of the celebration.

Discussion - Discuss with a partner.

1. Would you like to attend Inti Raymi?
2. Which part of the festival sounds most interesting?
3. Why is it important to preserve cultural traditions?

Teacher's Key

Vocabulary in Context

Match the words to their meanings.

Word	Meaning
civilization	a society with its own culture and history
ceremony	a formal celebration or event
costume	special clothing
attract	to bring people to a place
tradition	a custom followed for many years
community	a group of people living together