

TRADITIONS

Ask your relative about a tradition in his/her town: *** Pregunta a tu familiar por una tradición en su pueblo o ciudad.*

- What is it?
- How do they spend the day?
- Where does that tradition come from?

It can be a festival, a pilgrimage, a typical dance ... any tradition that has been passed down from generation to generation. *** Puede ser una fiesta, una romería, un baile típico... cualquier tradición que haya pasado de generación en generación.*

Look at the example:

E.G.: I asked my grandfather about a tradition in his village. He explained to me the tradition of "El mayo"



"EL MAYO"

At the age of 18, boys went to the military (girls were not allowed). On the first Sunday of May boys were measured to know if they were fit to go to the military. To celebrate it, boys cut a poplar to be "planted" in the town square.

Young boys in the village spent the morning looking for the right poplar. Then, cut it up and took it to the square where boys had lunch together. At night, they sang songs to girls.

Although today it is not compulsory to go to the military, this tradition is still celebrated and girls participate too. It is a way to celebrate the age of majority.

Planting the trunk of a poplar is an ancient tradition. It is said that it comes from the Phoenicians, who did it to celebrate the arrival of spring.