

Postcard

Course: Span 3110
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Proficiency Level: Intermediate

Description: Students write a postcard to the instructor from the town of Gabriel García Márquez's short story "La siesta del martes" ["Tuesday Siesta"] telling what they saw the day of the events narrated in the story. The purpose of this activity is to use the preterite and imperfect tenses at the same time that students review the plot.

Instructions: With a partner, imagine that you visited the town in the short story "La siesta del martes" ["Tuesday Siesta"]. Write a postcard to your Spanish instructor telling five things that you saw the day of the events narrated in the short story. Use a variety of verbs in the preterite and imperfect tenses.

Note: I include the example below. The postcard says: "We traveled by train. When we got off the train, we saw children playing in the street. We also saw a woman with a girl crying while they were walking in the cemetery." As expected at this level, there are some grammar errors.



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Viajamos por tren. Cuando nos bajamos
el tren, vimos los niños que estaban jugando
en el calle. También vimos una mujer y
una niña que lloraban mientras caminaban
en el cementario.