

## Bullfighting

### Vocabulary:

Коррида – **corrida, bullfighting**

страстный любитель корриды — **aficionado**

**to pick / provoke / start a fight** — начинать, провоцировать драку

He was still **full of fight**. — Он был всё ещё полон боевого задора.

**last-ditch fight** — отчаянная борьба

**to fix a fight** — заранее решить исход схватки

**to fight bravely / heroically** — смело сражаться

**to fight clean** — честно сражаться

**to fight hard / stubbornly** — упорно сражаться

**to fight dirty / unfairly** — сражаться не по правилам

**to fight to the finish** — бороться до конца

*to fight through every hardship* — преодолеть (все) трудности

*to fight for one's own hand* — отстаивать свои интересы; постоять за себя

*to fight a lone hand* — бороться в одиночку

*to fight the good fight* — бороться за справедливое дело

**savage** – дикий

**terrible** - внушающий страх, ужас

**severe** - строгий, суровый; требовательный

severe man — суровый человек

**cruel** - жестокий; жестокосердный, безжалостный

**ruthless**- безжалостный

**inexorable** - неумолимый, непреклонный

**inexorable pressure** — жёсткое давление

зрелище - **sight, spectacle; show разг.; performance** (представление)

представлять собой жалкое зрелище — **to present / look a sorry spectacle, to be a sorry sight**

яркое зрелище — **eye-catcher**

феерическое зрелище — **enchanting sight**

увлекательное зрелище — **enthralling sight**

тяжелое зрелище — **painful / distressing sight**

тягостное зрелище — **distressing / painful sight**

трагическое зрелище — **tragic sight**

### Questions:

Have you ever seen bullfighting?

Which countries are famous for bullfighting?

Can you explain what happens at a bullfight?

Why do some people find bullfighting a wonderful spectacle?

Why do some people call bullfighting cruel?

What happens the bulls after they killed?

Can women be bullfighters?

If you don't want to ban bullfighting, would you impose restrictions on who watches this kind of sport?

Do you know anything about "bull-running" in Pamplona, Spain?- would you like to take part in this?

Why?/ Why not?

Would you ban bullfighting in Spain?

Do you think bullfights, cockfights, dogfights, fish fights and the likes should be banned? Why?

How do you gamble on bullfighting?

### **Bullfighting Specialty of the House**

After many years of hard work and saving, a man travels to Sevilla, Spain in order to visit the birthplace of his ancestors. While touring some of the local attractions, the man notices a small, hole-in-the-wall restaurant and decides to pay it a visit. He takes a seat near the back of the restaurant and waits for the waiter. The waiter brings him his menu and shortly thereafter, the man orders his meal. As he sits quietly waiting for his lunch, a large crowd comes in laughing, cheering, and clearly congratulating a man of small stature. The waiter walks by the man with a steamy dish that consists of two large, oval shaped entrées that smell absolutely delicious. The waiter gives the dish to the small man and walks, again, by the man. The man tugs on the waiter's sleeve and asks, "Sir, what is that delicious smelling dish you brought out for that man?" The waiter replies, "Señor, that is the specialty of the house. The meat comes from the local bullfight." The man then says, "Can I switch my order to that?" To which the waiter replies, "Sorry señor, you must be the first customer of the day to receive this dish. Please come back tomorrow if you want to try it." The man says thank you and waits for his meal. The next day, the man comes bright and early and orders the specialty of the day. The waiter tells him that he will be the recipient of the dish and he can come back at noon. The man leaves and does some more touring before finally returning to claim his meal. He takes a seat, again in the back of the restaurant, and waits patiently for his dish. He notices that there is no crowd this time and that the town seems a little deserted. The waiter brings the man his specialty and quietly stands back as the man digs in. After two or three bites, the man says to the waiter, "Sir, this dish is absolutely delicious, but I noticed that they seem to be about a fifth of the size of the ones I saw yesterday." The waiter solemnly replies, "Sí, señor, sometimes the bull wins."