Lesson 11 - Let’s Celebrate!

Key Vocabulary

Christmas  Merry Christmas  gift (present)  tree  Santa Claus
New Year’s Day (Eve)  Happy New Year’s resolution midnight Old Man Time
Easter  Happy Easter  basket  hunt  Easter Bunny
Valentine’s Day  Happy Valentine’s Day  heart  love  Cupid
Birthday  Happy Birthday  cake  candle  party
To celebrate  to toast  holiday

Conversation:
Answer the questions. Use complete sentences.

1. Which holidays are different in the U.S. than in Ecuador?

2. Which holidays are the same?

3. What is your favorite holiday? Why?

4. How do you celebrate your birthday?

5. Tell me about a custom or tradition for a major holiday in Ecuador.

6. In the U.S., there are some special birthdays. “Sweet 16”, for instance, age 21 and 40 are also significant. What birthdays are “special” in Ecuador?

7. Use the new vocabulary words above in a sentence.

U. S. Public Holidays

New Year’s Day
Martin Luther King Day
President’s Day
Memorial Day
4th of July
Labor Day
Columbus Day
Veteran’s Day
Thanksgiving
Christmas

Other holidays:

Valentine’s Day
St. Patrick’s Day
Easter
Mother’s Day
Father’s Day
Halloween

List different holidays in Ecuador.
Read aloud slowly and clearly. Pronounce the words carefully.

My friend, Victor, likes to celebrate holidays with his family. His wife, Shirley, decorates shells for Christmas and sells them by the seashore. On Christmas and Easter, they go to church with their son, Theo, and then to the theater with Victor’s brother, Charlie. On New Year’s Eve, they toast the New Year with champagne. On Valentine’s Day, Victor gives Shirley flowers because she is his sweetheart.

Review:

Verb tenses: Present, past, past perfect, future
Adjectives/Adverbs
Pronouns

Irregular verbs:
See list provided previously.

Preparation for final exam:

Write a short paragraph (at least 5 sentences) about a favorite topic of your choice. You will read the paragraph aloud during the last class (Wednesday, 15 June). Try to use as many new words (nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs) as you can. Practice reading in advance. Read slowly and clearly. The class will ask you questions about your paragraph.

Begin working on your paragraph so that you will be prepared for Wednesday evening’s class. If you need help, ask me and I will help you to prepare.