

Conversation

Anna: Yesterday **was** the most amazing day. I want to tell my friend back home about it. So, I am writing her a letter!

Anna: Dear Penelope,

Life in Washington, D.C. is **interesting**. I see something new every day -- like yesterday. Yesterday **started** like a usual work day.

Anna: I **said**, "Yesterday **started** like a usual work day."

Anna's voice: I was at work. And I **wanted** a break. So, I **walked** and walked ... and walked. Then, I saw something! It was a **festival** -- a big **festival**!

Anna: It is the Smithsonian Folklife Festival.

Anna's voice: Yes. It **was** the Smithsonian Folklife Festival. Every year the festival shows different **cultures**. This year one of the cultures **was** the **Basque** culture. There was dancing and food and games!"

Anna: I am dancing a traditional Basque dance.

Anna's voice: At the festival, I **danced** a traditional Basque dance!

Anna: They are cooking traditional Basque food.

Anna's voice: They cooked a lot of traditional Basque food.

Anna: They are playing a game. It's a kind of handball. What do they call it? They call it *pilota*!

Anna's voice: They **played** a game with their hands and a small ball. It's a kind of handball. But this game is **called** *pilota*.

Anna: This is beautiful! This is traditional Basque art.

Anna: They are making a traditional Basque ship. This festival is a lot of fun!

Anna's voice: The **whole** day was a lot of fun!

Anna: Who said that? I want to write my friends and tell them about my day!

Anna: ... So, I wanted to tell you about my day! Please, my friend, come visit Washington, D.C. soon. There is a lot to do! Until next time ... Anna.