

CINCO DE MAYO

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Cinco de Mayo is a Mexican celebration that remembers a military victory against the French on May 5, 1862. Cinco de Mayo means May the fifth in Spanish. It is not a public or a national holiday in Mexico. It is largely celebrated in the Mexican state of Puebla, where the victory against French forces took place. Even though it is not a major holiday in Mexico, it is a well-known celebration. This is because Mexicans in the USA and other countries use it as a day to show their pride in their culture. Even non-Mexican Americans celebrate the day in the USA. Many people mistakenly believe Cinco de Mayo celebrates Mexico's Independence Day. This is false. Mexican's celebrate their nation's independence on September the 16th.

Cinco de Mayo today is a much bigger holiday in North America than in Mexico. It has been celebrated in California since 1863. There are festivals and events all over the country to highlight Mexican culture. These include concerts, folk ballet and Mexican dancing. Mexican food and drink are also eaten and drunk in huge quantities. Many schools, especially those with large Mexican communities, take part in awareness activities to educate students about the importance of the day. One tradition does take place in Mexico every year. Mexican soldiers, sailors and air force pledge allegiance to the Mexican flag. This takes place in the capital Mexico City and in all other regional capitals.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. a military victory against | a. major holiday in Mexico |
| 2. Cinco de Mayo means | b. celebrate the day |
| 3. it is not a | c. May the fifth in Spanish |
| 4. show their pride | d. nation's independence |
| 5. Even non-Mexican Americans | e. the French |
| 6. celebrate their | f. in their culture |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---|-------------------------|
| 1. It has been celebrated in California | a. to the Mexican flag |
| 2. There are festivals and events | b. since 1863 |
| 3. eaten and drunk | c. capitals |
| 4. activities to | d. all over the country |
| 5. pledge allegiance | e. educate students |
| 6. all other regional | f. in huge quantities |

LISTENING GAP FILL

Cinco de Mayo is a Mexican celebration _____ military victory against the French on May 5, 1862. Cinco de Mayo means May the fifth in Spanish. It _____ national holiday in Mexico. It is largely celebrated in the Mexican state of Puebla, where the victory against French _____. Even though it is not a major holiday in Mexico, it is a well-known celebration. This is because Mexicans in the USA and _____ it as a day to show their pride in their culture. Even non-Mexican Americans _____ in the USA. Many people mistakenly believe Cinco de Mayo celebrates Mexico's Independence Day. _____. Mexican's celebrate their nation's independence on September the 16th.

Cinco de Mayo _____ bigger holiday in North America than in Mexico. It has been celebrated in California since 1863. There are festivals and _____ country to highlight Mexican culture. These include concerts, folk ballet and Mexican dancing. Mexican food and drink are also eaten and _____. Many schools, especially those with large Mexican communities, take part in awareness _____ students about the importance of the day. One tradition does take place in Mexico every year. Mexican soldiers, sailors and air force _____ the Mexican flag. This takes place in the capital Mexico City and in _____ capitals.

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

Cinco de Mayo is a Mexican celebration that remembers a military _____ against the French on May 5, 1862. Cinco de Mayo _____ May the fifth in Spanish. It is not a _____ or a national holiday in Mexico. It is _____ celebrated in the Mexican state of Puebla, where the victory against French forces took place. Even though it is not a _____ holiday in Mexico, it is a well-known celebration. This is because Mexicans in the USA and other countries use it as a day to show their _____ in their culture. Even non-Mexican Americans celebrate the day in the USA. Many people _____ believe Cinco de Mayo celebrates Mexico's Independence Day. This is _____. Mexican's celebrate their nation's independence on September the 16th.

major
public
false
largely
victory
pride
means
mistakenly

Cinco de Mayo today is a much _____ holiday in North America than in Mexico. It has been celebrated in California since 1863. There are festivals and _____ all over the country to highlight Mexican culture. These _____ concerts, folk ballet and Mexican dancing. Mexican food and drink are also eaten and drunk in huge _____. Many schools, especially those with large Mexican communities, take part in awareness activities to _____ students about the importance of the day. One _____ does take place in Mexico every year. Mexican soldiers, sailors and air force pledge allegiance to the Mexican _____. This takes place in the capital Mexico City and in all other regional _____.

include
educate
bigger
flag
quantities
capitals
events
tradition

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of *italics*.

Cinco de Mayo is a Mexican celebration that *memories / remembers* a military victory against the French on May 5, 1862. Cinco de Mayo *means / meaning* May the fifth in Spanish. It is not a public or a national holiday in Mexico. It is *largely / large* celebrated in the Mexican state of Puebla, where the victory against French forces took place. Even *through / though* it is not a major holiday in Mexico, it is a well-known celebration. This is because Mexicans in the USA and other countries use it as a day to show their *pride / proud* in their culture. Even non-Mexican Americans celebrate the day in the USA. Many people *mistake / mistakenly* believe Cinco de Mayo celebrates Mexico's Independence Day. This is *false / falsify*. Mexican's celebrate their nation's *independence / independent* on September the 16th.

Cinco de Mayo today is a much *bigger / large* holiday in North America than in Mexico. It has been celebrated in California *for / since* 1863. There are festivals and events all *under / over* the country to highlight Mexican culture. These include concerts, folk ballet and Mexican dancing. Mexican food and drink are also *eating / eaten* and drunk in huge quantities. Many schools, especially those with large Mexican communities, take *apart / part* in awareness activities to educate students about the *importance / important* of the day. One tradition does take place in Mexico every year. Mexican soldiers, sailors and air force pledge allegiance *to / up* the Mexican flag. This takes place in the capital Mexico City and in all other regional *capitals / numbers*.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Cinco de Mayo is a Mexican celebration that (1) _____ a military victory against the French on May 5, 1862. Cinco de Mayo means May the fifth in Spanish. It is not a (2) _____ or a national holiday in Mexico. It is largely celebrated in the Mexican state of Puebla, where the (3) _____ against French forces took place. Even though it is not a major holiday in Mexico, it is a well-(4) _____ celebration. This is because Mexicans in the USA and other countries use it as a day to show their pride in their culture. Even (5) _____-Mexican Americans celebrate the day in the USA. Many people mistakenly believe Cinco de Mayo celebrates Mexico's Independence Day. This is (6) _____. Mexican's celebrate their nation's independence on September the 16th.

Cinco de Mayo today is a much bigger holiday in North America than in Mexico. It has been celebrated in California (7) _____ 1863. There are festivals and events all over the country to highlight Mexican culture. These (8) _____ concerts, folk ballet and Mexican dancing. Mexican food and drink are also eaten and drunk in huge (9) _____. Many schools, especially those with large Mexican communities, take part in awareness activities to educate students about the importance (10) _____ the day. One tradition does (11) _____ place in Mexico every year. Mexican soldiers, sailors and air force pledge allegiance to the Mexican flag. This takes place in the capital Mexico City and in all other (12) _____ capitals.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. | (a) remember | (b) remembers | (c) memories | (d) memory |
| 2. | (a) publicity | (b) publicly | (c) public | (d) publicize |
| 3. | (a) victory | (b) victorious | (c) V for victory | (d) victor |
| 4. | (a) knowing | (b) knew | (c) knows | (d) known |
| 5. | (a) not | (b) no | (c) non | (d) none |
| 6. | (a) forged | (b) false | (c) untruthful | (d) distorted |
| 7. | (a) since | (b) for | (c) by | (d) until |
| 8. | (a) conclude | (b) interlude | (c) include | (d) exclude |
| 9. | (a) qualities | (b) quartiles | (c) quarrels | (d) quantities |
| 10. | (a) by | (b) at | (c) on | (d) of |
| 11. | (a) do | (b) take | (c) make | (d) give |
| 12. | (a) regional | (b) divisional | (c) zonal | (d) departmental |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. a yiiamrtl victory against the French
2. a aoitnanl holiday in Mexico
3. a well-konwn celebration
4. a day to show their irdpe
5. latikmnsey believe
6. their sant'noi independence

Paragraph 2

7. a much grbegi holiday in North America
8. tivslasef and events all over the country
9. eaten and drunk in huge atneiiquts
10. take part in awareness activities to caedeut students
11. lepegd allegiance to the Mexican flag
12. all other regional islpatac

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () celebrated in the Mexican state of Puebla, where the victory against French forces took place. Even though it is not a
- () Cinco de Mayo today is a much bigger holiday in North America than in Mexico. It has been celebrated in California
- () false. Mexican's celebrate their nation's independence on September the 16th.
- () major holiday in Mexico, it is a well-known celebration. This is because Mexicans in the USA and other countries use
- () quantities. Many schools, especially those with large Mexican communities, take part in awareness
- () it as a day to show their pride in their culture. Even non-Mexican Americans celebrate the day in the USA. Many people
- () place in the capital Mexico City and in all other regional capitals.
- () year. Mexican soldiers, sailors and air force pledge allegiance to the Mexican flag. This takes
- () concerts, folk ballet and Mexican dancing. Mexican food and drink are also eaten and drunk in huge
- (**1**) Cinco de Mayo is a Mexican celebration that remembers a military victory against the French on May 5,
- () 1862. Cinco de Mayo means May the fifth in Spanish. It is not a public or a national holiday in Mexico. It is largely
- () mistakenly believe Cinco de Mayo celebrates Mexico's Independence Day. This is
- () activities to educate students about the importance of the day. One tradition does take place in Mexico every
- () since 1863. There are festivals and events all over the country to highlight Mexican culture. These include

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. against 5 the a French military on victory May

2. public It or is a not national a holiday

3. in to their show culture their a pride day

4. - celebrate Even non -Mexcan Americans day the

5. their Mexican's nation's celebrate independence

6. celebrated in California since 1863 It has been

7. country events There all are over festivals the and

8. eaten quantities huge in drunk and

9. students educate to activities awareness in part take

10. Mexican the to allegiance pledge flag

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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THE CINCO DE MAYO SURVEY

Write five questions about Cinco De Mayo in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITING

Write about Cinco De Mayo for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about Cinco De Mayo. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Cinco De Mayo. Write about what happens around the world. Include two imaginary interviews with people who did something on this day.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. POSTER: Make your own poster about Cinco De Mayo. Write about will happen on this day around the world.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.