CINCO DE MAYO

THE READING / TAPESCRIPy

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. Mexicans 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.

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 _________.

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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 atneiquts
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.

( ) Cinco de Mayo today is a much bigger holiday in North America than in Mexico. It has been celebrated in California

( ) Cinco de Mayo means May the fifth in Spanish. It is not a public or a national holiday in Mexico. It is largely mistakenly believed as a day to celebrate Mexico's Independence Day. This is because Mexican's celebrate their nation’s independence on September the 16th.

( ) 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

( ) False. Mexican’s celebrate their nation’s independence on September the 16th.

( ) 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 since 1863. There are festivals and events all over the country to highlight Mexican culture. These include

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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. ____________________________________________

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

1. ____________________________________________
2. ____________________________________________
3. ____________________________________________
4. ____________________________________________
5. ____________________________________________
6. ____________________________________________
**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.

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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.

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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.