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Hola Mexico!

These activities are for you to do at home. You can do all of them or choose the ones that you find most interesting.

Activities

1. Find out about Mexico using information books and the internet and create a fact file. You might like to include Mexico's official name, its capital city, flag, location in the world, form of government, current president, population, geographical features, climate, natural resources, main religion, currency and the official language used by its people.

2. Spanish is the most common language spoken in Mexico. Use an online translation tool to find out what the following English words or phrases translate to in Spanish. Teach others the Spanish words and phrases you learn.

hello | good morning | good afternoon | goodbye | please | thank you | yes | no | excuse me

3. Find out about the ancient Maya civilisation using the internet or information books, then create an information poster about one area of the Maya civilisation that you have found interesting.

4. Traditional Mexican food is enjoyed by people across the world. Work with an adult to find and then follow a simple recipe to prepare and cook a Mexican dish to enjoy with your family. You could try guacamole, enchiladas, tacos, fava bean soup or even churros for dessert.

5. Mariachi music is a traditional genre of Mexican music. Find examples of mariachi music online to listen to. *Cielito Lindo* is a well-known mariachi song. Write a short paragraph to evaluate the genre and its distinguishing features, including the instruments played, the volume, pitch and tempo of the music and the mood created.

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6. Mexican artist, Pedro Linares, created fantastical sculptures of creatures by combining animals in unusual ways, such as a donkey with butterfly wings or a cockerel with horns. He called these sculptures *alebrijes*. They are traditionally made from papier mâché. Draw or sculpt a unique *alebrije* using Mexican wildlife as inspiration.

7. Finish your home learning by writing some sentences or explaining to an adult what you have learned about Mexico. Consider Mexico's geography, history, culture, art and festivals.

Useful websites

National Geographic Kids – Mexico

Kids Search – Kid's Translator

BBC Good Food – Mexican Recipes

DKfindout! – Mayans

Britannica – Mariachi

Good reads

Title	Author	ISBN
Recipes from Mexico	Dana Meachen Rau	9781406273878
The Culture and Recipes of Mexico	Tracey Kelly	9781474778480
The Ancient Maya (Analysing Ancient Civilizations)	Louise Spilsbury	9781474777407
Daily Life in the Maya Civilization	Nick Hunter	9781406298567