



The Day a Small Army Won

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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❶ Many people in the United States think May 5 is Mexico's birthday. But that is not true. Mexico's Independence Day is September 16. Cinco de Mayo means May 5 in Spanish, and it remembers a famous battle.

❷ In 1861, Mexico did not have enough money to pay its debts. So France sent a strong army to take control of the country. About 6,000 French soldiers marched toward the city of Puebla. They were sure they would win in one day. But a smaller Mexican army was waiting on two hills above the city. Its leader, General Ignacio Zaragoza, was only 33 years old.

❸ The fight started around noon on May 5. Again and again, the French ran up the hills, and again and again, they fell back. By evening, they gave up and walked away. Zaragoza sent a short message to the president: Our army is covered in glory. But the war was not over. One year later, a much bigger French army came back and took Mexico City.

❹ So why is Cinco de Mayo so big in the United States? The news of the battle reached California about three weeks later. Mexican people there were very happy, and they started to hold parties every year. In the 1960s and 1970s, young Mexican Americans used the day to show pride in their culture. Later, in the 1980s, beer companies made big ads for it.

❺ Today, cities like Los Angeles and Chicago have parades with mariachi bands and bright dresses. People eat tacos and guacamole. In Puebla, thousands of students and soldiers march through the streets. And in Japan, May 5 is also Children's Day, so you can celebrate two holidays at once.



音声を聞こう

Words 単語

battle 戦い、戦闘**army** 軍隊、陸軍**debt** 借金**independence** 独立**general** 将軍**march** 行進する、進軍する**glory** 栄光、ほまれ**pride** 誇り、プライド**culture** 文化**celebrate** 祝う**ad** 広告**parade** パレード、行進



Reading Check

Choose the best answer. 正しいものを選ぼう。

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1. What is the main idea of the reading?

- (A) Cinco de Mayo is Mexico's Independence Day. (B) Cinco de Mayo remembers a battle and grew big in the U.S.
(C) Cinco de Mayo is a day to eat food from France. (D) Cinco de Mayo started in Japan as Children's Day.

2. When is Mexico's Independence Day?

- (A) May 5 (B) July 4
(C) September 16 (D) December 12

3. Why did France send an army to Mexico?

- (A) Mexico asked France for help. (B) Mexico could not pay its debts.
(C) France wanted to buy Mexican beer. (D) Mexico attacked France first.

4. What happened one year after the battle?

- (A) Mexico won the war. (B) General Zaragoza became president.
(C) The first party started in California. (D) A bigger French army took Mexico City.

5. In paragraph 3, what does fell back mean?

- (A) went back (B) fell asleep
(C) fell in love (D) won easily

6. Which sentence is true about the reading?

- (A) The French army was smaller than the Mexican army. (B) The fight started early in the morning.
(C) General Zaragoza was 33 years old. (D) The news reached California the next day.

7. Why do many Mexican Americans feel proud on Cinco de Mayo?

- (A) Because a small army beat a strong army that day. (B) Because Mexico won the whole war that day.
(C) Because beer companies told them to feel proud. (D) Because it is the birthday of the U.S.

8. In the dialogue, what will Sota eat today?

- (A) rice cakes (B) mole sauce
(C) French bread (D) tacos

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

- Cinco de Mayo means May 5 in Spanish. T / F
Cinco de Mayo is Mexico's Independence Day. T / F
The French army was bigger than the Mexican army at Puebla. T / F
After the battle, the French army never came back to Mexico. T / F
Mexican people in California celebrated the victory in the 1860s. T / F
In most of Mexico, all adults have the day off on May 5. T / F



Word Work

Words & phrases. 単語のれんしゅう。

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① Match the pictures and the words. 絵と単語を線で結ぼう。



● taco



● corn



● trumpet



● horse



● avocado



● dancer



● drum



● guitar

② Unscramble the words. 文字を並べ替えて単語にしよう。

1. L T E A B T

2. A Y R M

3. P A E A R D

4. N I H A S P S

5. R O V Y T I C

6. D E P R I

③ Fill in the blanks. 語群から選んで () に入れよう。

proud

sad

march

mole

dress

Puebla

flag

snow

parade

battle

5

Tokyo

army

Lucia's Big Day in Puebla

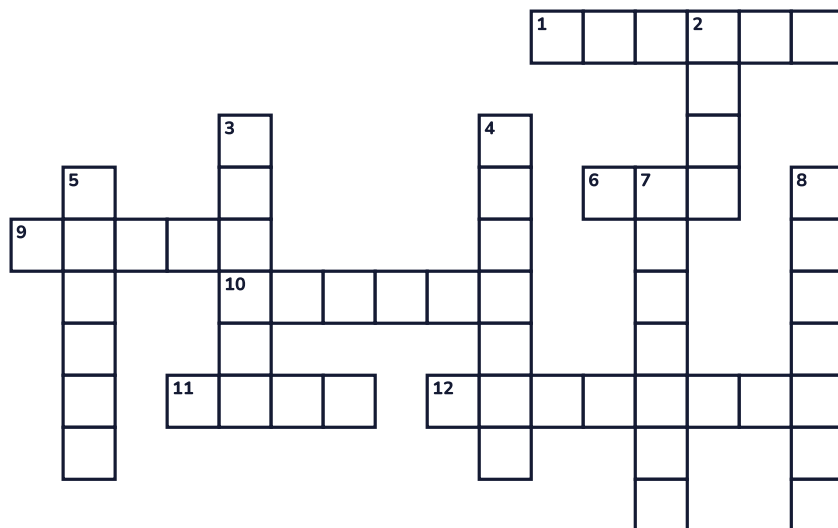
Lucia lives in (1) _____, a city in Mexico. Every year on May (2) _____, her school joins a big (3) _____. This year, Lucia will (4) _____ with her friends. She wears a white (5) _____ and holds a small (6) _____. Her grandpa tells her the story of the (7) _____ in 1862. A small (8) _____ won against a strong one. After the parade, the family eats chicken with dark (9) _____ sauce. Lucia feels (10) _____ of her city.



Crossword Puzzle

Read the clues and fill in the puzzle. ヒントを読んで、クロスワードを完成させよう。

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Across →

- 1 People walk, play music, and dance down the street in this. (6)
- 6 The fifth month of the year. (3)
- 9 A happy feeling about who you are and where you come from. (5)
- 10 A fight between two armies. (6)
- 11 Mexican food. Meat and vegetables in a corn tortilla. (4)
- 12 A Mexican band with trumpets, violins, and guitars. (8)

Down ↓

- 2 A large group of soldiers. (4)
- 3 The Mexican city where the battle happened in 1862. (6)
- 4 Zaragoza was this. He led the soldiers. (7)
- 5 This European country sent an army to Mexico. (6)
- 7 A green fruit. People make guacamole with it. (7)
- 8 The main language of Mexico. (7)



Word Search

Find the hidden words. かくれた単語を探そう (→ ↓ ↘ ↗)。

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B	A	W	W	S	S	P	R	I	D	E	A	Y
F	O	C	A	F	R	A	N	C	E	C	N	V
U	L	S	A	N	L	C	N	V	D	U	C	R
V	F	A	C	K	I	Y	J	N	R	N	E	V
W	I	F	G	S	F	G	R	E	F	O	P	J
M	I	C	U	H	A	L	I	K	T	R	A	U
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B	Y	X	C	O	P	R	S	R	B	N	A	D
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V	T	V	U	C	D	Y	M	P	R	Y	E	L
M	N	V	A	F	O	T	A	M	H	Y	R	O

Find these words! 13

- ☐ ARMY
- ☐ BATTLE
- ☐ DANCE
- ☐ FLAG
- ☐ FRANCE
- ☐ GLORY
- ☐ MEXICO
- ☐ MUSIC
- ☐ PARADE
- ☐ PRIDE
- ☐ PUEBLA
- ☐ TACO
- ☐ VICTORY

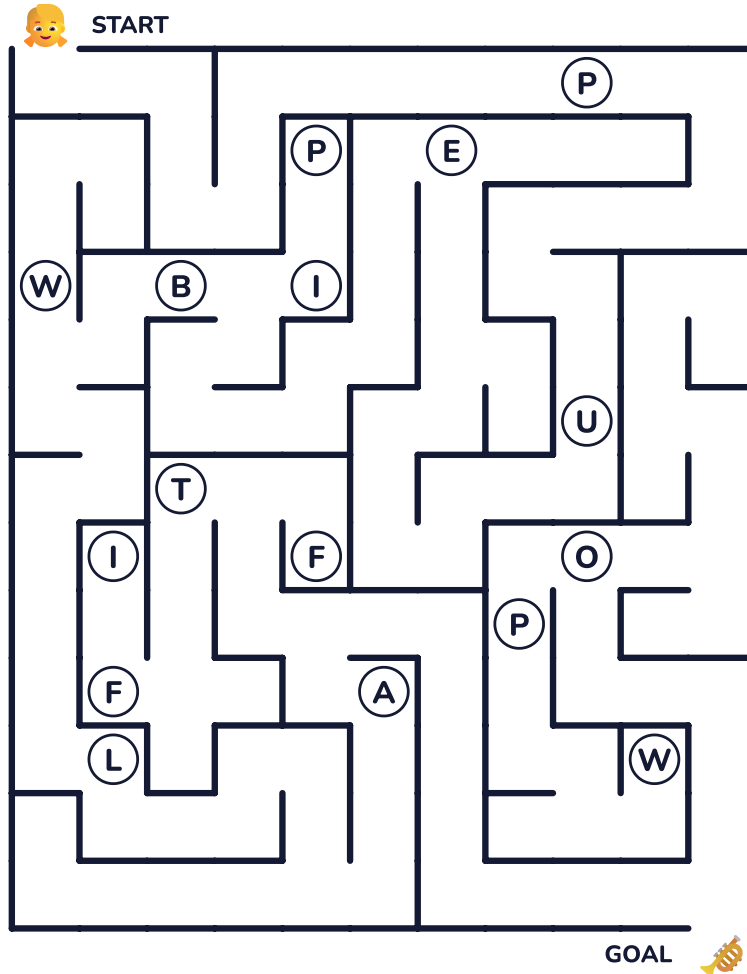
Secret Code 暗号を解こう！記号を文字に直すと、メッセージが出てくるよ。





Help Lucia get to the parade!

Collect the letters on the right path. What is the secret word? 正しい道の文字を集めると、ひみつの言葉になるよ。



Secret word: _____

Put the words in order. 並べ替えて正しい文にしよう。

1. de / Spanish / Mayo / means / May / Cinco / 5 / in .

2. army / small / big / battle / a / won / A .

3. in / Independence / September / Day / Mexico's / is .

4. Angeles / in / the / Los / dance / in / street / People .

5. tacos / eat / on / 5 / May / and / We / guacamole .



Find Someone Who... クラスで聞いて回ろう！ Ask: "Do you ...?" / "Have you ...?"

Find someone who ...	Name
... has eaten tacos	
... likes avocados	
... can say a word in Spanish	
... knows the colors of the Mexican flag	
... has been to a parade	
... can play the guitar or trumpet	
... likes spicy food	
... knows another holiday on May 5	

Let's Write! 英語で書いてみよう。

Cinco de Mayo is not _____. It is a day to remember _____.

If I go to a Cinco de Mayo festival, I want to _____ because _____.

On May 5 in Japan, we _____. In Mexico, people _____.



Trace & Color

Trace the words. Then color the picture! なぞって書こう。絵に色を塗ろう。

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taco



avocado



trumpet



guitar

