



A Month That Starts in the Middle

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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① Most special months in the United States start on the first day. But one month starts in the middle of September. National Hispanic Heritage Month runs from September 15 to October 15. Why does it start on such a strange day?



音声を聞こう

② The answer is in Latin America. On September 15, 1821, Central America became free from Spain. Today, five countries there celebrate on that day: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Mexico celebrates its independence on September 16, and Chile has a big national party on September 18. So the month begins with a week full of birthdays for countries.

③ The idea started small. In 1968, President Lyndon Johnson signed a law for one special week. Twenty years later, many people wanted more time. In 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed a new law, and the week became a month. Today, about 70 million Hispanic people live in the United States. That is about one in five Americans.

④ During the month, students learn about famous Hispanic Americans. One of them is Ellen Ochoa, and in 1993 she became the first Hispanic woman in space. Towns hold street festivals with music and dancing. People eat tamales from Mexico and pupusas from El Salvador. Some families share stories about their grandparents and their home countries. For many people, it is a month to remember where they come from.

Words 単語

heritage (受けつがれた) 文化、伝統、遺産

Hispanic ヒスパニックの(人)、スペイン語圏につながる(人)

independence 独立

celebrate 祝う

strange 変わった、ふしぎな

law 法律

festival 祭り、フェスティバル

grandparent 祖父母(の1人)



Reading Check

Choose the best answer. 正しいものを選ぼう。

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1. What is the reading mainly about?

- (A) How to make tamales at home
- (B) Why and how people celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month
- (C) The history of the Super Bowl
- (D) Life in Spain in 1821

2. Why does the month start on September 15?

- (A) It is the birthday of President Johnson.
- (B) School starts on that day.
- (C) Spain chose the day.
- (D) Central America became free from Spain on that day.

3. What happened in 1988?

- (A) The week became a month.
- (B) Ellen Ochoa went to space.
- (C) Mexico became free from Spain.
- (D) The first special week started.

4. In paragraph 2, what does "a week full of birthdays for countries" mean?

- (A) A week with many birthday parties at school
- (B) A week when many people are born
- (C) A week with many independence days
- (D) A week with no holidays

5. In the dialogue, why does Lucia invite Sota to her house?

- (A) To watch a soccer game
- (B) So he can try her grandma's tamales
- (C) To make Guatemalan flags
- (D) To help with homework

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

Hispanic Heritage Month starts on September 1.	T / F
Mexico celebrates its independence on September 16.	T / F
The month started as one special week in 1968.	T / F
Hispanic Heritage Month is a day off from school.	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。



●

● rocket



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● bell



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● trumpet



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● guitar



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● taco



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● dancer

② Fill in the blanks. 語群から選んで () に入れよう。

music

festival

dance

tamales

flags

slowly

proud

winter

September

Lucia's Saturday

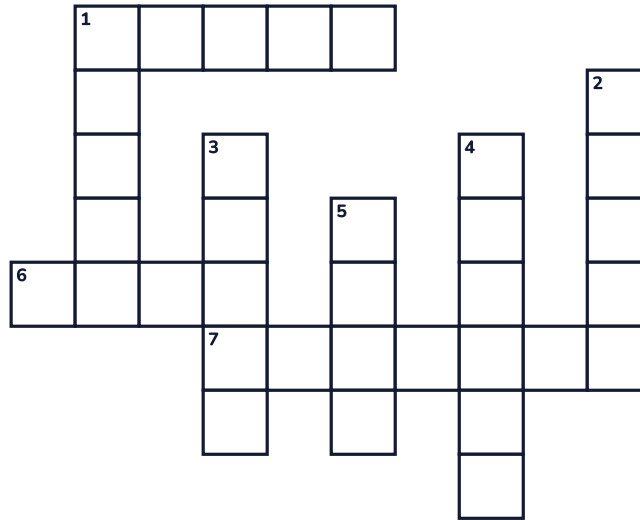
It is (1) _____ 16. Lucia goes to a street (2) _____ with her family. A band plays loud (3) _____, and people (4) _____ in the street. Lucia's grandma sells (5) _____ at a small table. Many people wave (6) _____ from different countries. "Your grandma's food is the best," says Lucia's friend. Lucia is very (7) _____.



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 Many countries in Latin America became free from this country. (5)
- 6 A priest rang this in a church in 1810. (4)
- 7 The main language of Mexico, Peru, and Chile. (7)

Down ↓

- 1 Ellen Ochoa went here in 1993 on a shuttle. (5)
- 2 September and October are each one of these. (5)
- 3 A dance and music. It became popular in New York in the 1970s. (5)
- 4 This country celebrates its independence on September 16. (6)
- 5 Each country has one. It has colors and is made of cloth. (4)



Word Search

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

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

Find these words! 10

- ☐ BELL
- ☐ FESTIVAL
- ☐ FLAG
- ☐ HERITAGE
- ☐ MEXICO
- ☐ MONTH
- ☐ SALSA
- ☐ SPACE
- ☐ SPAIN
- ☐ SPANISH

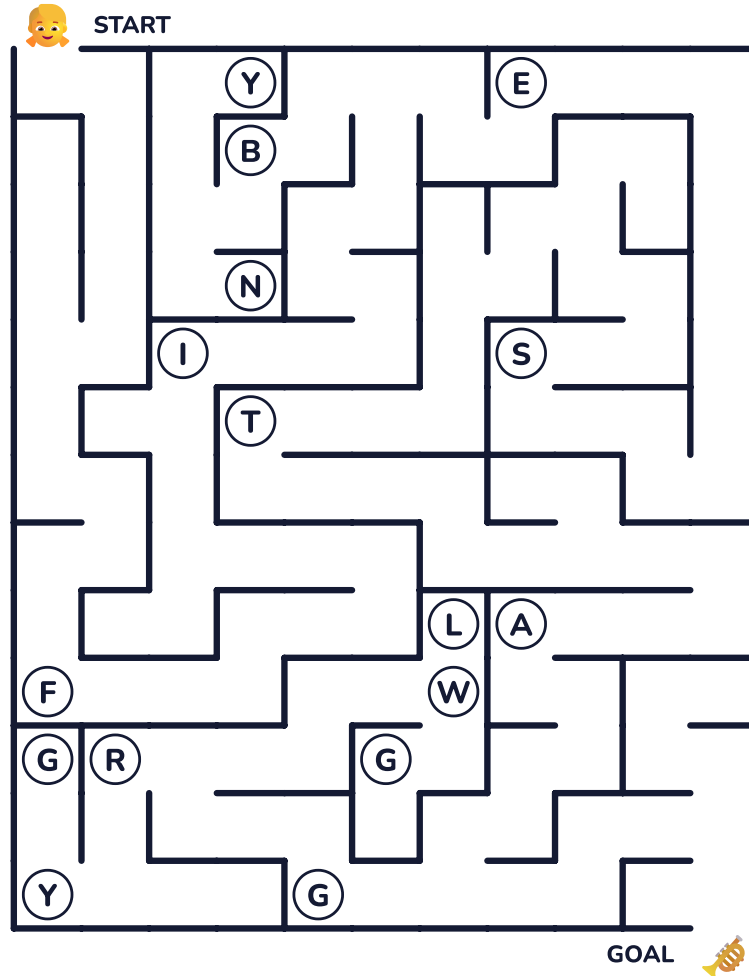


Maze & Sentences

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Help Lucia get to the festival!

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: _____



Class Activity & Writing

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Let's Write! 英語で書いてみよう。

My family's special food is _____. We eat it when _____.

If I could visit a country in Latin America, I would go to _____ because _____.



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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bell



trumpet



dancer



taco



rocket

Draw your Hispanic Heritage Month! ヒスパニック文化継承月間の絵を描こう。