



G'day Everybody,

In honour of Cinco De Mayo, this week's activity pack is all about Mexico! Arriba, Arriba!

As well as celebrating Cinco De Mayo, it is also Mother's Day on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May, so for every person who plays a motherly role in any aspect, we hope you have the best day possible.

Take Care Everybody,

The Caladenia Team



Cinco de Mayo, or the fifth of May, is a holiday that celebrates the date of the Mexican army's May 5, 1862 victory over France at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War. The day, which falls on Wednesday, May 5 in 2021, is also known as Battle of Puebla Day. While it is a relatively minor holiday in Mexico, in the United States, Cinco de Mayo has evolved into a commemoration of Mexican culture and heritage, particularly in areas with large Mexican-American populations.

#### Cinco de Mayo History

Cinco de Mayo is *not* Mexican Independence Day, a popular misconception. Instead, it commemorates a single battle. In 1861, Benito Juárez—a lawyer and member of the Indigenous Zapotec tribe—was elected president of Mexico. At the time, the country was in financial ruin after years of internal strife, and the new president was forced to default on debt payments to European governments. In response, France, Britain and Spain sent naval forces to Veracruz, Mexico, demanding repayment. Britain and Spain negotiated with Mexico and withdrew their forces.

France, however, ruled by Napoleon III, decided to use the opportunity to carve an empire out of Mexican territory. Late in 1861, a well-armed French fleet stormed Veracruz, landing a large force of troops and driving President Juárez and his government into retreat.

#### The Battle of Puebla

Certain that success would come swiftly, 6,000 French troops under General Charles Latrille de Lorencez set out to attack Puebla de Los Angeles, a small town in east-central Mexico. From his new headquarters in the north, Juárez rounded up a ragtag force of 2,000 loyal men—many of them either Indigenous Mexicans or of mixed ancestry—and sent them to Puebla.

The vastly outnumbered and poorly supplied Mexicans, led by Texas-born General Ignacio Zaragoza, fortified the town and prepared for the French assault. On May 5, 1862, Lorencez gathered his army—supported by heavy artillery—before the city of Puebla and led an assault.

### How Long Did the Battle of Puebla Last?

The battle lasted from daybreak to early evening, and when the French finally retreated they had lost nearly 500 soldiers. Fewer than 100 Mexicans had been killed in the clash.

Although not a major strategic win in the overall war against the French, Zaragoza's success at the Battle of Puebla on May 5 represented a great symbolic victory for the Mexican government and bolstered the resistance movement. In 1867—thanks in part to military support and political pressure from the United States, which was finally in a position to aid its besieged neighbour after the end of the Civil War—France finally withdrew.

The same year, Austrian Archduke Ferdinand Maximilian, who had been installed as emperor of Mexico in 1864 by Napoleon, was captured and executed by Juárez's forces. Puebla de Los Angeles was renamed for General Zaragoza, who died of typhoid fever months after his historic triumph there.

#### Cinco de Mayo in Mexico

Within Mexico, Cinco de Mayo is primarily observed in the state of Puebla, where Zaragoza's unlikely victory occurred, although other parts of the country also take part in the celebration.

Traditions include military parades, recreations of the Battle of Puebla and other festive events. For many Mexicans, however, May 5 is a day like any other: It is not a federal holiday, so offices, banks and stores remain open.

### Why Do We Celebrate Cinco de Mayo in the United States?

In the United States, Cinco de Mayo is widely interpreted as a celebration of Mexican culture and heritage, particularly in areas with substantial Mexican-American populations.

Chicano activists raised awareness of the holiday in the 1960s, in part because they identified with the victory of Indigenous Mexicans (such as Juárez) over European invaders during the Battle of Puebla.

Today, revellers mark the occasion with parades, parties, mariachi music, Mexican folk dancing and traditional foods such as tacos and mole poblano. Some of the largest festivals are held in Los Angeles, Chicago and Houston.



By Golden Carers



**CAPITAL CITY** Mexico City

**POPULATION** Over 129 million (2019)

LANGUAGE Spanish

**CURRENCY** Peso

**GOVERNMENT** Republic of Federated States

**RELIGION** Catholic Christianity

BORDERS WITH United States, Belize & Guatemala

NATIONAL DAY September 16 (Independence Day).

Cinco de Mayo (May 5) - which commemorates the Battle of Puebla in 1862 when Mexico won against the French army. It's really only celebrated in Puebla and by Mexican immigrants

in the United States.

**A LAND OF** The northern part of Mexico is a **EXTREMES** desert. Southern Mexico is a tropical

rainforest. Most people live in the

middle of the country.

**YOUNG** Over 50 percent of the population is

**POPULATION** under the age of 18.

**SPANISH** Mexico has the largest population of

**SPEAKERS** Spanish speakers in the world.

**EARTHQUAKES** Mexico is also prone to earthquakes

and sits in one of the most dangerous earthquake zones named "The Ring

of Fire".

**SILVER** Mexico is the world's leading

producer of silver.

**TEQUILA** Tequila, a liquor for which Mexico is

famous, is made from the native blue

agave plant.



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## MAYA CIVILIZATION

The Maya are an indigenous people of Mexico and Central America. The first Maya settlements began around 4000 years ago.

The Maya people used a written language and a numeral system. They were good at art, building, and math. Their priests studied stars and planets, which helped them make calendars.

The Maya believed deeply in the cyclical nature of life – nothing was ever `born' and nothing ever `died'.

The Maya civilization thrived for six centuries before collapsing mysteriously around 900 AD.

# Word Search

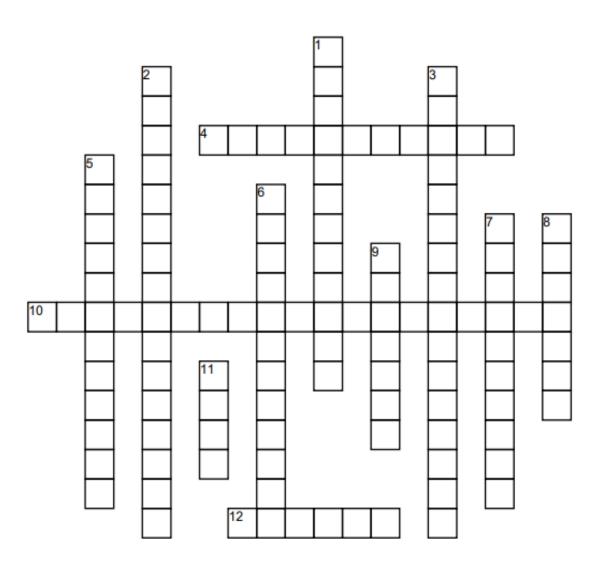
## **MEXICAN**



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Maracas Chihuahua Acapulco Maya Tamale Iguana Cucaracha Cerveza Mesoamerica Durango Geckos Tequila Gracias Sierra Peso Cactus Cancun Yucatan Tabasco Salsa

## Mexico Crossword Puzzle



#### Across

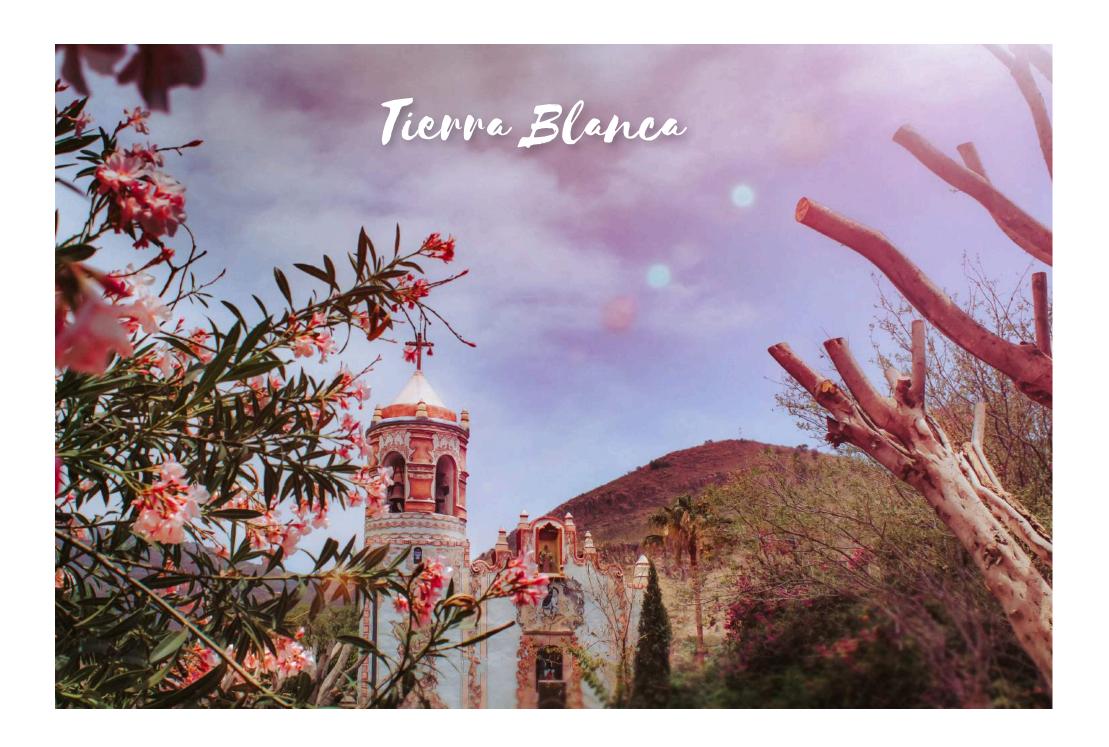
- 4. Who is the Secratary of State of Mexico?
- 10. Where is Mexico located?
- 12. What is the popular sport in Mexico?

#### Down

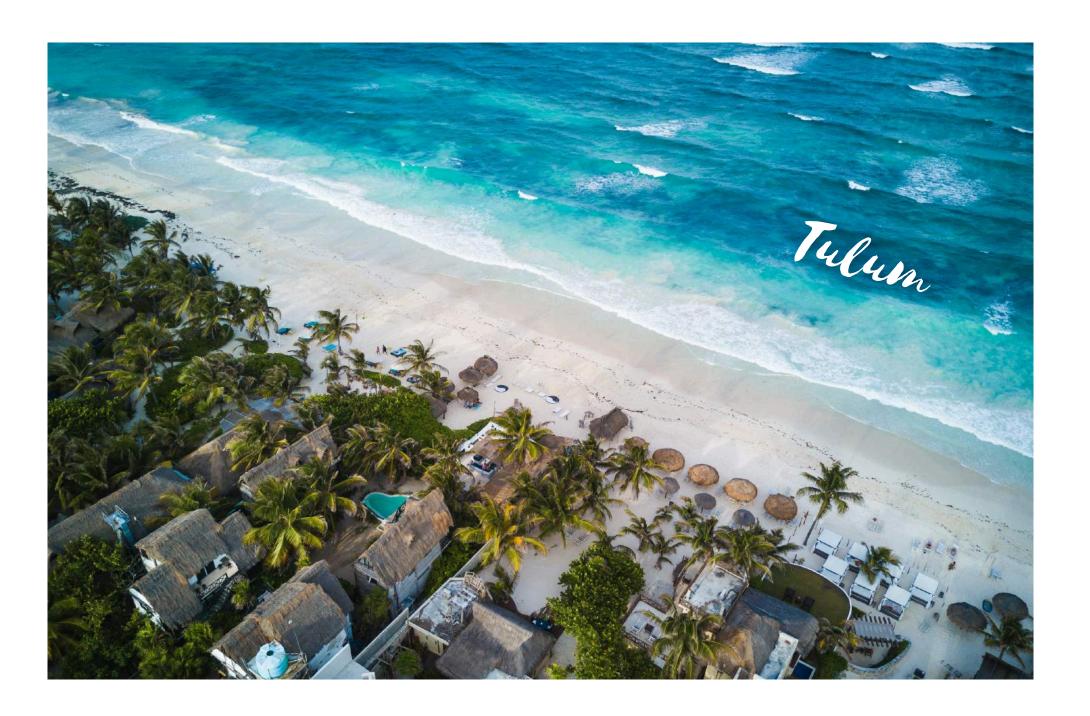
- 1. Who found Mexico?
- 2. What is the main Religion of Mexico?
- 3. Who is currently the president of Mexico? (2016)
- 5. What are the colors of the Mexican flag?
- 6. What is one of the largest bodies of water in the world?
- 7. What is the capital of Mexico?
- 8. What do most Mexicans eat on Christmas?
- 9. What is Mexico's official language?
- 11. When was Mexico founded?



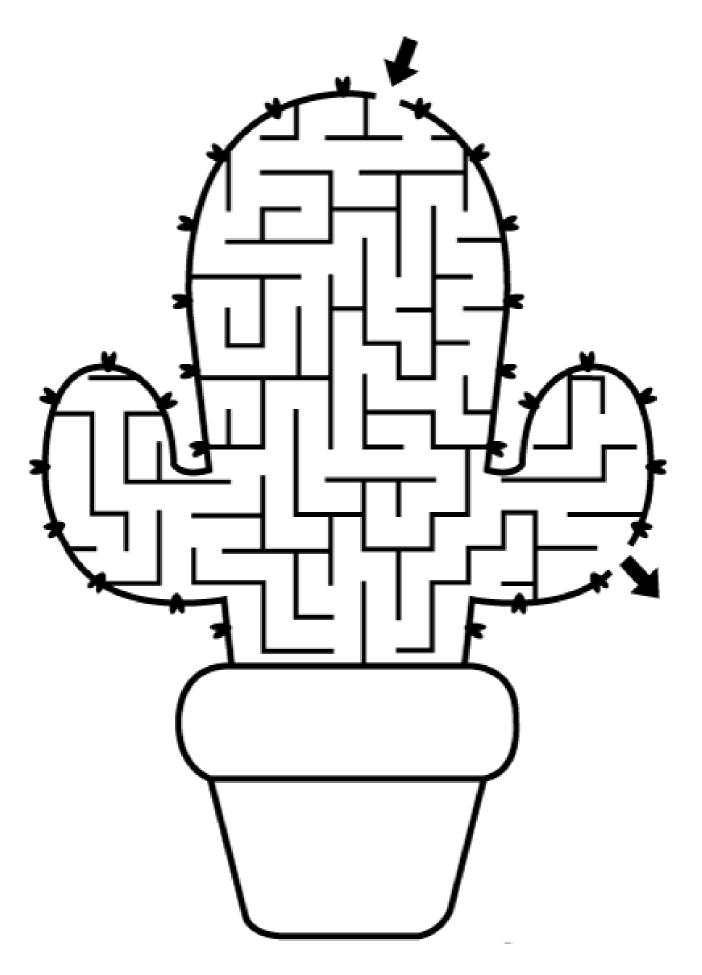








# Cactus Maze





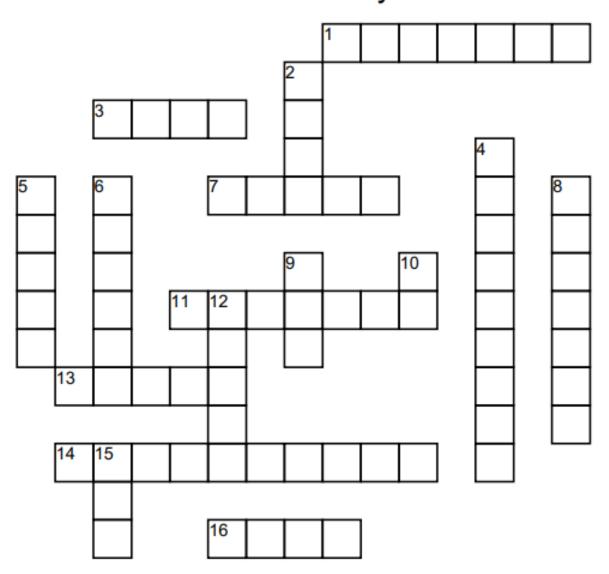
### Mexican Trivia

- 1. Mexico is the 10th most populated country in the world with around 126 million people (2019).
- 2. There are 31 states in Mexico as well as the capital city (Mexico City).
- 3. Mexico is identified as one of the six 'cradles of civilization', dating back to 8000 BC the others being Egypt, Mesopotamia (present-day Iraq and Iran), The Indus Valley (present-day Pakistan and Afghanistan), China, and Peru.
- 4. Many ancient civilizations flourished in Mexico before Europeans arrived there like the Aztecs, the Mayans and others.
- 5. Mexican food is known for its range of flavours and spices. Popular dishes include tacos, burritos and enchiladas.
- 6. The largest source of immigration to the United States is from Mexico. US citizens are also the largest immigration Group in Mexico!
- 7. Mexico City hosted the Summer Olympic Games in 1968.
- 8. Mexico has 34 UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The list includes the historic centres of towns like Guanajuato, Mexico City and Puebla, as well as with dozens of ancient ruins, the agave fields of Tequila, and much more.

- 9. You shouldn't throw toilet paper in the toilet in Mexico; you should throw toilet paper in a bin.
- 10. Mexican children don't receive presents on Christmas Day but rather on the day of Three Kings on January 6th.
- 11. Cinco de Mayo is not the Mexican Independence Day; it only commemorates the Battle of Puebla in 1862 when Mexico won against the French army. It's pretty much only celebrated in Puebla and by Mexican immigrants in the United States. Independence Day is on 16th of September.
- 12. Colour TV was invented in Mexico. Guillermo González Camarena was an inventor who created the chronoscope adapter for television equipment, which was an early colour TV transmission system. The fun fact is that he was only 17 and did it during WWII! His first official colour transmission was from Mexico City in 1946.
- 13. Mexico is the largest silver producer. In 2017 they produced 5,600 MT silver in Mexico, which gives them the title of the largest silver producer in the world.
- 14. World's largest beer exporter. Corona is famous worldwide, but there are lots of other Mexican beer brands besides Corona.
- 15. Mexico City is sinking by 3 feet a year. In the last 60 years, the city has sunk more than 32 feet. The reason for this is the huge demand for water, which is being taken from the aquifer below the city. This has caused leaning buildings and it can become a serious problem since the demand for water continues to increase.
- 16. Mexico is located in one of the most seismically active areas of the world. The Pacific Ring of Fire, on which Mexico lies, is a zone of fault lines that run along the Pacific tectonic plate and some smaller plates in the Philippine Sea and Pacific Ocean. It is one of the worst areas of the world for earthquakes and volcanoes.



## Cinco De Mayo



#### Across

- 1. What foods had the most influence on Mexican cuisine?
- 3. What year did Mexico win their Independence?
- 7. How many colors are on the Mexican flag?
- 11. What was the first name of the General who led the Battle of Puebla?
- 13. What is the middle color on the Mexican flag?
- 14. What is rarely eaten in Mexico?
- 16. In what year did the Mexican army defeat the France army?

#### Down

- 2. How many main foods are there that made it into Mayan cooking?
- 4. What month is Mexico's Independence?
- 5. Salsa is the Spanish word for ?
- 6. What army was considered the greatest military force on the globe?
- 8. Who founded chocolate?
- 9. What month does Mexico celebrate Cinco de Mayo?
- 10. Is Cinco de Mayo Mexico's Independence Day?
- 12. What is the first color on the Mexican flag?
- 15. What is the last color on the Mexican flag?

## Art for Relaxation



## **Mexican Word Search**

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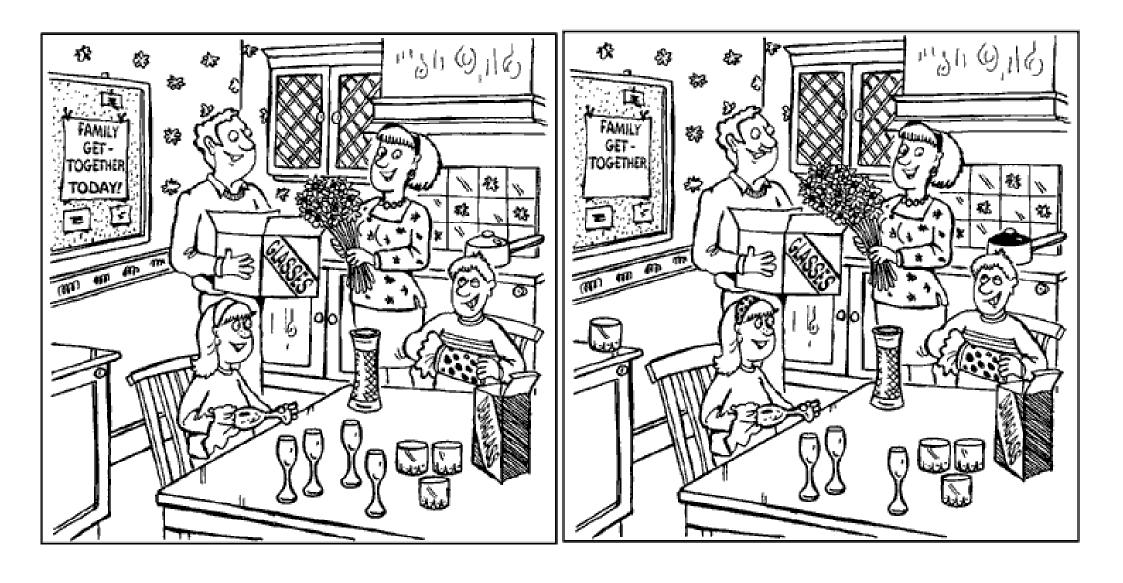
Jalapeno Quesadilla Sombrero Nachos Arriba Chipotle
Acapulco
Guacamole
Churros
Quesadilla

Tamales Guadalajara Burrito Enchilada Aztec Cilantro Maracas Fajita Cielito Mariachi



- 1. What are the colours of the Mexican flag?
- 2. What is the Mexican word for 'hat'?
- 3. What is the capital of Mexico?
- 4. What is the staple food of Mexico? Start with the letter "T"
- 5. Which comedy about three friends starred Steve Martin?
- 6. Sing the first bit of the popular song: ...... down Mexico way.
- 7. What do most Mexicans do in the afternoons?
- 8. Which precious metal is mined in central Mexico?
- 9. What is the language in Mexico?
- 10. What is the name of the Mexican's spirits famous all over the world?
- 11. Which prickly plant is associated with Mexico?
- 12. What is the Mexican word for 'Good-Bye'?
- 13. Name the cartoon mouse famous for his speed.
- 14. In Mexican folklore, who left a sword slash as his trademark?
- 15. Which country borders with Mexico?
- 16. What are the main ingredients of 'Chilli con Carne'?
- 17. What is the main ingredient of Guacamole?
- 18. What is the currency of Mexico?
- 19. Who were the ancient people of Mexico?

## Can you spot 6 differences in these pictures?



How many words can you make out of the word:

## Tequila

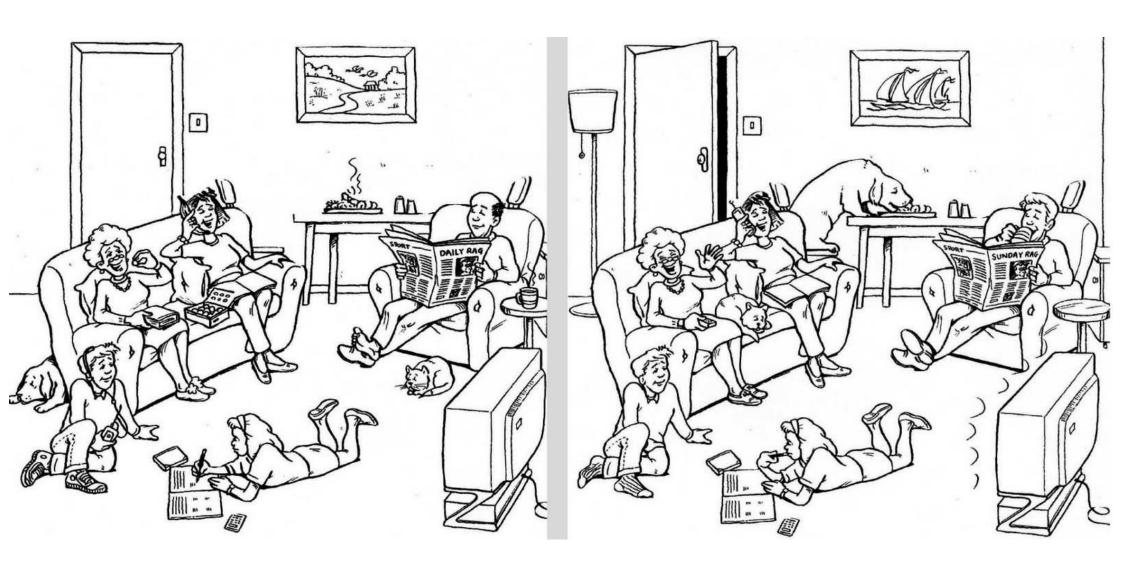
There are 72 possible words you can find! Good Luck!

## Sudoku

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	6	9				7	3	
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	4	7				2	8	
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## Can you find 20 differences in this picture?



## I invented a new word!

**Plagiarism!** 

Yesterday I saw a guy spill all his Scrabble letters on

the road.

I asked him, "What's the word on the street?"

Hear about the new restaurant called Karma?

There's no menu: You get what you deserve.

Why don't scientists trust atoms?

Because they make up everything.

Did you hear about the mathematician who's afraid of negative numbers?

He'll stop at nothing to avoid them.

**Knock! Knock!** 

Who's there?

Control freak.

Con...

Okay now you say, "Control freak who?"

Did you hear about the claustrophobic astronaut?

He just needed a little space.

Why did the chicken go to the séance?

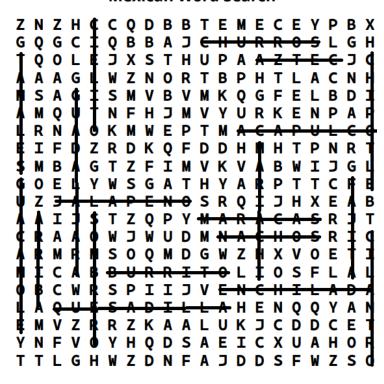
To get to the other side.



- 1. The Atlantic Ocean is the biggest ocean on Earth?
- 2. There are 26 letters in the English Alphabet?
- 3. The study of plants is known as botany?
- 4. The human body has four lungs?
- 5. Sharks are mammals?
- 6. Venus is the closest planet to the Sun?
- 7. Things fall when you drop them because of gravity?
- 8. Mount Kilimanjaro is the tallest mountain in the world?
- 9. Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone?
- 10. Your maternal grandfather is your mother's father?
- 11. The Olympic Games began in Greece?
- 12. There are 6 colours in a rainbow?
- 13. Herbivores eat meat?
- 14. Acorns come from Oak Trees?
- 15. Saint Patrick is the Patron Saint of Scotland?
- 16. A baby goat is called a kid?
- 17. Henry VIII had 6 wives?
- 18. The horse is the fastest land animal?
- 19. There are 30 days in June?
- 20. The Titanic sunk in 1942?



#### **Mexican Word Search**

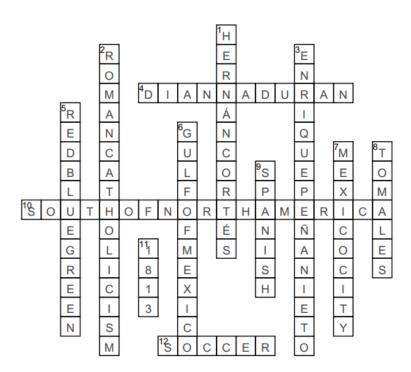




#### **Answers**

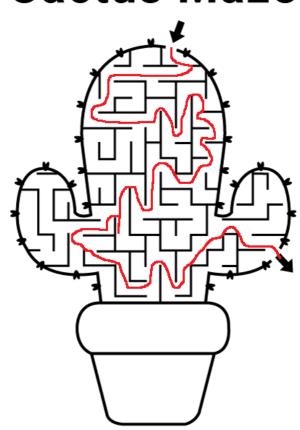
1. Green white and red 2. Sombrero 3. Mexico City 4. Tortilla 5. Tres Amigos 6. South of the border 7. They have a 'Siesta' 8. Silver 9. Spanish 10. Tequila 11. Cactus 12. Adios! 13. Speedy Gonzales 14. Zorro. 15. United States 16. Minced beef and beans 17. Avocado 18. Pesos 19. Aztecs

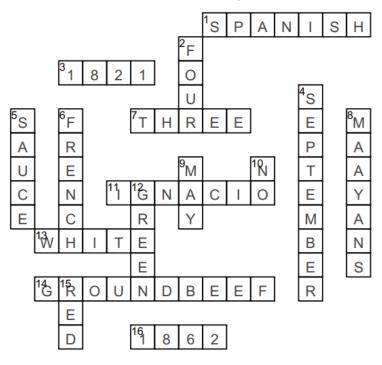
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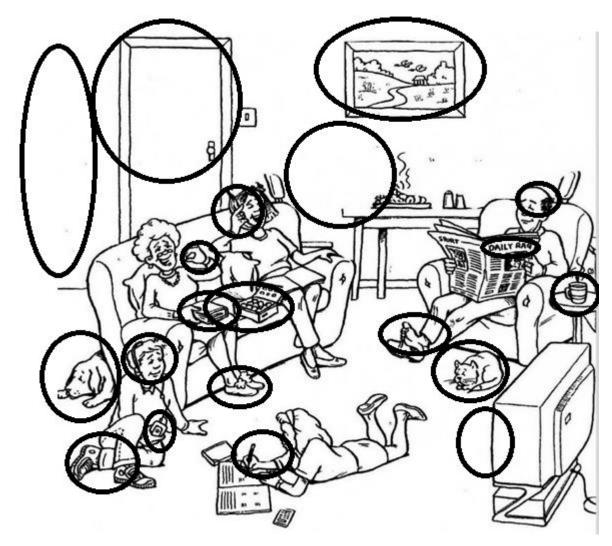
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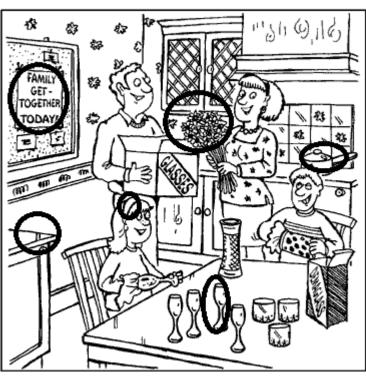




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## 71 words can be made from the letters in the word tequila.

### Anagrams of tequila

		Anagrams of tequila	
liquate	tequila		
		Words with 5 Letters	
equal	lutea	quail	quale
quate	quiet	quilt	quite
telia	utile		
		Words with 4 Letters	
alit	etui	ilea	late
lati	latu	lieu	lite
litu	lute	quai	quit
tael	tail	tale	tali
teal	tela	tile	tule
		Words with 3 Letters	
ail	ait	ale	alt
ate	eat	eau	eta
lat	lea	lei	let
leu	lie	lit	qat
qua	tae	tau	tea
tel	tie	til	tui
uta	ute		
		Words with 2 Letters	
ae	ai	al	at
el	et	it	la
li	qi	ta	ti
ut			



1. False (Pacific) 2. True 3. True 4. False (2) 5. False (fish) 6. False (Mercury) 7. True 8. False (Mount Everest) 9. True 10. True 11. True 12. False (7) 13. False 14. True 15. False (Ireland) 16. True 17. True 18. False (Cheetah) 19. True 20. False (1912)