## Hola Mexico!

Name



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**

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.

nello
good morning
good afternoon
goodbye
olease
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. <i>Cielito Lindo</i> 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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## **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