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Arts & Culture – Year 4

Welcome to your Conquesta Olympiad. As you read and answer the questions, we hope that you enjoy and learn from the information. Once you have read the information and the questions carefully, you have to make a choice. When you have decided which of the answers is correct, completely fill in the matching square on your answer sheet using a 2B or a B pencil. For example, if the answer to question 4 is c, then neatly fill in the square containing c next to the number 4. See example below. Fill in only one square per question and make sure you completely rub out any mistakes so that the answer is clear.

Example:-

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The Mexican Fiesta

The students are going to have a Mexican Fiesta in order to learn about the Arts and Culture of Mexico.

A fiesta is a celebration. It can celebrate a religious holiday or another special event. In Mexico, the 16th of September is called Independence Day. On this day the whole country celebrates. Food stalls line the streets, people wave flags and musicians play lively music.

- A fiesta is a (a) public holiday. (b) religious holiday. (c) a celebration or party. (d) a market day.
- The classrooms have to be decorated. Which of the following items is the odd one out?
 (a) Cactus (b) Mexican flag (c) Sombrero (d) Tiger

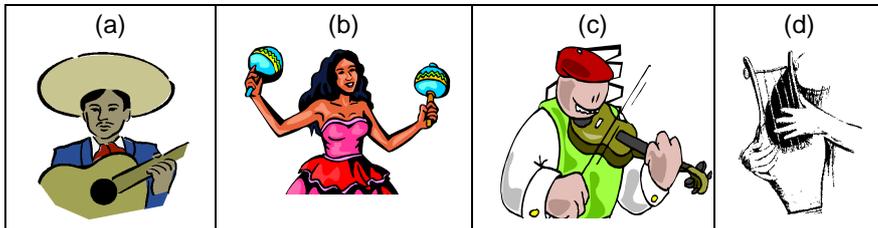
Mexican Fiesta

Programme

- Mexican Dancing
- Taste Mexican Food
- Listen to Mexican Music
- Piñata
- A Mexican Folktale – Drama Production
- Buy Mexican Art

Mexican Music and Dancing

Mariachi is the name of the traditional street music played in Mexico. In this type of music, there are usually two violins, a harp, guitarrón (bass guitar), a guitarra de golpe (five stringed instrument) and maracas.



Match the pictures in (a) – (d) to the questions asked in 3-6.

- Which musician is playing the violin?
- Which musician is using the maracas?
- Which musician is playing the harp?
- Which musician is playing the guitarrón?

A favourite dance in Mexico is called the *Mexican Hat Dance*. "Listen to the melody and try and feel the beat of the music," said the teacher. "Repeat the numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 over and over in your head. This will help you to put the arm motions, foot steps and claps together. Do this with a partner."

- Which of the following answers, matches to the word *melody*?
 (a) Words of a song (b) Music notes (c) Tune (d) Movement
- What is the *beat* in this dance?
 (a) The dance steps. (b) The melody.
 (c) The count of 1 – 4. (d) The words.
- Which of the following statements is *false*?
 (a) The Mexican Hat Dance uses foot movements.
 (b) The Mexican Hat Dance uses arm movements.
 (c) The Mexican Hat Dance uses hand movements.
 (d) The Mexican Hat Dance uses head movements.



- In this dance, the music changes. The beat becomes faster. It then goes back to normal. What should the dancers do when the beat is faster?
 (a) Slow down. (b) Stop until it goes back to normal.
 (c) Hold hands with their partner and move quickly around in a circle. (d) Try and keep up with the music.

Food

This is one of the best parts of the fiesta. During the festival in Mexico on the 16th September, it takes the people many days to get ready. Mexican food is a mix of Indian and Spanish food. Here is a filling for a tortilla, which is a pancake made from corn or maize.

Ingredients: Cooked, spicy meat strips, sour cream and salsa.
Salsa: 4 large tomatoes, chopped; 1 chopped onion;
 ¼ teaspoon red chilli powder and ½ a chopped green chilli;
 3 tablespoons finely minced parsley; 2 tablespoons vinegar;
 ½ tablespoon salt; some pepper
 Blend all salsa ingredients together. Spoon meat into tortilla, add sour cream and salsa to taste. Wrap up into a 'parcel'. Enjoy!

- Salsa is
 (a) the sauce that goes into a tortilla.
 (b) the name of the tortilla.
 (c) the name given to corn.
 (d) the name given to the dish.
- Which one of the following ingredients is a herb?
 (a) pepper (b) salt (c) parsley (d) vinegar
- The ingredients for the salsa
 (a) need cooking. (b) are eaten raw.
 (c) are baked. (d) are stewed.

