

1 Read the text and complete the gaps with words from the box.

• model • instruments • outfits • musicians • dishes • streamers

Cinco de Mayo

Cinco de Mayo is a celebration in parts of Mexico and the USA. It takes place every year on 5th May. People celebrate this day because Mexico won the battle of Puebla in Mexico in 1862.



Activities

Lots of people go to parades and parties on Cinco de Mayo. They also decorate their homes with balloons and 1) _____ in green, white and red - the colours of the Mexican

flag. At the parades, they watch dancers, soldiers and 2) _____. At the parties, people dance and eat food. Some people also have a piñata at their party. This is a paper 3) _____ with sweets inside. Guests wear a blindfold and try to hit the piñata with a stick to break it and get the sweets out.

Clothing

At Cinco de Mayo events, people dress in traditional Mexican clothing. Some women wear colourful 4) _____ such as Oaxaca dresses and some men wear a sombrero and a poncho.



Music

Mariachi bands play traditional Mexican folk music using

different musical 5) _____ such as guitars, violins and trumpets. You can hear Mariachi music at parades, parties or even on TV.



Food

At Cinco de Mayo parties, people eat Mexican

6) _____ such as tacos, enchiladas, guacamole, and nachos and salsa. These dishes are very tasty, but they are sometimes quite spicy, too!

2 Use the alphabet code to solve the secret message about Cinco de Mayo.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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3 **ICT** In groups, find out more information about Mexican dishes people eat on Cinco de Mayo and tell the class.