

1 Where and how do people celebrate Cinco de Mayo? Read the texts to find out. Read again and choose the correct answers.

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Cinco de Mayo

Cinco de Mayo is a holiday that takes place on 5th May each year to celebrate Mexico winning the Battle of Puebla in 1862. Today, people don't just celebrate this event in parts of Mexico, but in parts of the USA, too.



In Mexico, Cinco de Mayo is a festivity that people in the city of Puebla celebrate. They **1) hold/take** a parade and have a special performance of the battle. Some people in the parade wear military uniforms and others wear traditional Mexican clothing such as ponchos, sombreros and Mexican dresses. They also **2) make/throw** parties and invite all their friends and families. At the parties, they dance to Mariachi music, eat delicious local dishes and play games such as **3) hitting/swinging** a piñata with a stick. Cinco de Mayo is a day when Mexicans can feel proud by remembering the Battle of Puebla and the strength it took to win it.

In the USA, Cinco de Mayo is a much larger celebration than in Mexico. Especially in areas where a lot of Mexican-Americans **4) stay/live**. There are celebrations all over the USA and some of the biggest are in Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles and Houston. The celebrations **5) consist/include** big parades with dancers, musicians and performers wearing traditional Mexican clothing. Some of the parades even have horses and car shows. Then, in the afternoon and evening, lots of people throw Cinco de Mayo parties with live Mariachi music and Mexican food. They **6) deliver/serve** lots of different dishes including tacos, enchiladas, guacamole, nachos and salsa. In the USA, Cinco de Mayo is a special day when everyone can celebrate Mexican culture.



2 According to the texts, in which country: **M (Mexico)**, **U (the USA)** or **B (both)**

- 1** are the biggest Cinco de Mayo Celebrations? _____
- 2** is Mexican food a part of the celebration? _____
- 3** can you see what happened during a battle? _____
- 4** do lots of cities hold Cinco de Mayo parades? _____
- 5** do people wear traditional Mexican outfits? _____
- 6** can you see people wearing a type of uniform? _____
- 7** is the city where an important battle took place? _____



3 **[ICT]** In groups, find out more information about how people celebrate Cinco de Mayo in Mexico and in the USA and present it to the class.