

FELIZ NAVIDAD

LAS POSADAS

CHRISTMAS IN MEXICO

Ex 1. Warm up. Guess if the statements below are True or False.

TRUE OR FALSE

- In Mexico, people celebrate Christmas for two weeks, starting on December 16th _____
- In Mexico, everyone celebrates Christmas on December 25th with a huge party and fireworks _____
- During Las Posadas, people go from house to house, asking for shelter, just like Mary and Joseph _____
- In Mexico, children celebrate Christmas by breaking a piñata filled with sweets and candy _____
- The Las Posadas celebration includes people dressing up as Santa Claus and giving out presents _____
- In Mexico, it's common to eat a large feast with turkey and tamales on Christmas Eve _____

*Tamales are a Latin American food made of corn dough with fillings, wrapped in leaves and steamed.

Ex 2. Vocabulary. Match the words to their definitions.

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| 1. procession | a. A large meal for a celebration |
| 2. to recreate | b. A decorated container filled with treats |
| 3. shelter | c. A group of people walking together in a parade |
| 4. piñata | d. A place to stay for protection |
| 5. candle | e. A stick of wax that gives light |
| 6. feast | f. to make / create again |
| 7. gathering | g. a big meeting |

Ex 3. Listen to the text and fill in the gaps. [LISTEN](#)

"Las Posadas is a _____ Mexican Christmas celebration that lasts from the 16th to the 24th. It recreates Mary and Joseph's journey to find shelter for the night. Every night, people _____ to different houses, asking for shelter. People _____ candles during the procession. During the celebration, children _____ a colourful piñata. Las Posadas _____ on Christmas Eve with a big feast. At the end of Las Posadas, people _____ Christmas carols. Many families _____ for a family meal after the procession."

Ex 4. Fill in the gaps according to the text.

Las Posadas _____ for nine nights in Mexico, from December 16th to the 24th.
 Every night, people _____ to different houses, asking for shelter.
 The procession _____ Mary's and Joseph's search for a place to stay.
 People _____ candles during the procession.
 During the celebration, children _____ a colourful piñata.
 Las Posadas _____ on Christmas Eve with a big feast.
 At the end of Las Posadas, people _____ Christmas carols.
 Many families _____ for a family meal after the procession."

GRAMMAR - PRESENT SIMPLE

Ex.1 Underline the present simple verbs in the text and write your own sentence.

Ex.2 Write negative sentences using the present simple
 People (not / stay) _____ inside their homes during the procession.
 The children (not / break) _____ the piñata on Christmas Eve.
 The family (not / gather) _____ until Christmas Eve.

Ex.3 Create questions in the present simple
 When (Las Posadas/start)? _____ the piñata every night?
 (Children/break) _____ Las Posadas in other countries?
 (People/celebrate) _____

Ex.4 Ask a question about the underlined word/-s
 Every night, people go to different houses.

People ask for shelter.

 At the end of Las Posadas, people sing Christmas carols.

REACTIONS

1.A: I'm going to the Christmas procession tomorrow.
 B: Yes, of course. _____ join me?

2.A: _____
 B: _____

3.A: My costume _____
 B: Is it too small? Maybe you want to _____ me.

Ex 5 CONNECTIONS - How do the listed words connect with Christmas?

food, presents, green, sky, orange, chocolate, bowl, colour, fire, sun, family, children, hot chocolate, cold, gloves, snow, summer, ...

CHRISTMAS



FIREWORKS

CAROL

SPEAKING

- What do you like about Las Posadas?
- How is Mexican Christmas different from other countries?
- What's your favourite Christmas tradition?
- Do you like to dress up?
- What do you think about the piñata?

WRITING

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