

# HOLA MEXICO!

## Home Learning Ideas

These activities are for you to do at home. Choose the one that you find most interesting.



### Activities

1. 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.  
hello    good morning    good afternoon    goodbye    please    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. Cielito Lindo 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.

6. Mexican artist, Pedro Linares, created fantastical sculptures of creatures by combining animals in unusual ways, such as a donkey with butterfly wings or a cockerel with horns. He called these sculptures alebrijes. They are traditionally made from papier mâché. Draw or sculpt a unique alebrije using Mexican wildlife as inspiration.

