

# ENGLISH READING COMPREHENSION PASSAGE



**CINCO  
DE MAYO**



# NOTES TO TEACHER:

**These activities can be used in a whole-group setting, in guided reading groups, or as independent practice. Choose the activities that best meet your students' needs.**

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**These activities work on a variety of grade levels. They are great practice for language learners.**

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# CINCO DE MAYO

Cinco de Mayo (5<sup>th</sup> of May) is not Mexico's Independence Day, but it is still a very important day in Mexican history. After becoming independent in 1810, Mexico was having some financial struggles. In 1861, Mexico's President Benito Juarez decided that Mexico was not able to pay the money they owed other countries. Most of the countries made peaceful agreements, but France decided that since Mexico was struggling, this would be a good time to take over the country.

It wasn't long before French troops began to arrive in Mexico in 1862. They started to make their way toward the capital, Mexico City to take over the country. The Mexicans however got together about 4,000 people and waited for the French in the town of Puebla. The French army was almost twice the size of the Mexican Army, but the Mexican army won because they knew the territory and were fighting for the land they loved. The French army left and Mexico was safe for awhile.

Although the story doesn't end there, the Battle for Puebla was a great victory for the Mexican people. It was established as a national holiday and many schools are closed for the celebration. In most places in Mexico, it is a minor celebration to remember this great victory. However, almost a year after the Battle of Puebla, the Mexican people working in California heard about the event. Their pride in their native country started a great celebration. From that time, Mexican people living in California have celebrated their homeland on Cinco de Mayo.

Over the years, the celebration has grown. Today Cinco de Mayo is celebrated around the United States as a celebration of the Mexican culture. Many people celebrate with parades, music, or eating Mexican food. Cinco de Mayo has become a celebration of Mexican heritage.

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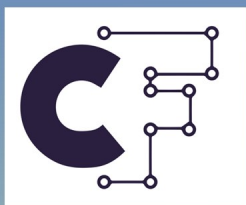
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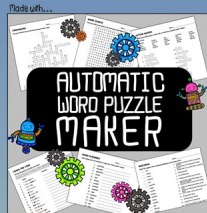


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