

CINCO DE MAYO



Cinco de Mayo means “the fifth of May” in Spanish. Cinco de Mayo is a day of celebration for the people of Mexico and for Mexican-Americans. Between 1846 and 1848, Mexico was involved in the Mexican-American War. After the war ended, Mexico had very little money and many debts. The country was in a national crisis.

Under Napoleon III, France invaded Mexico in 1862. The Battle of Puebla occurred on the 5th of May. There were less than five thousand Mestizo and Zapotec Indians fighting for Mexico during this battle against more than eight thousand French soldiers. The Mexicans had very few weapons, but they were able to defeat, or win the battle against, the French army. This victory represents Mexican unity and patriotism, or love for their country.

Cinco de Mayo should not be confused with Mexican Independence Day. Mexican Independence Day is celebrated on September 16th every year. Fiestas, or celebrations, also occur on the 16th of September.

Cinco de Mayo is celebrated in Mexico and by Mexican-Americans in the United States. It is a much larger celebration in the United States than in Mexico. Fiestas are held with music, dancing, parades, and food on the 5th of May every year. Cinco de Mayo is a very important day to the Mexican and Mexican-American people. It is a celebration of their rich history.

NAME _____ DATE _____

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ABOUT CINCO DE MAYO

1. Cinco de Mayo means _____ in Spanish.
2. What is a fiesta? _____

3. Where is Cinco de Mayo celebrated? _____

4. What happened at the Battle of Puebla? _____

5. How do people celebrate Cinco de Mayo? _____

6. How are Cinco de Mayo and Mexican Independence Day similar? _____

7. When was the Mexican American war fought? _____
8. How is the Mexican American Cinco de Mayo celebration different from the Cinco de Mayo celebration in Mexico? _____

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C A N M V H T F I F D I T S Q
 N E D F C G B I S A V W Y H V
 U P L N K H N L N F Q Z U S J
 F R E E D O M I U Y I E R D F
 W R Y I B P Q B C X L R U B Y
 F A M A Y R A E O N U H D L A
 D T Q Q D E A R Q M A G M Z A
 M S I T O I R T A P T D W N N
 Y E Z K X Z L Y I D Y H E C M
 M I M E X I C O P O E C I L T
 T F V T S T V X H U N S U N Q
 Q K I P Q A Q O K A U U W D Z
 L I J H W M X Y R M Y W J E B
 F H K S D U N F T S U U Y W F

CELEBRATION	FIFTH	FRENCH	LIBERTY	MUSIC
DANCING	FRANCE	FUN	MAY	PARADES
FIESTA	FREEDOM	HOLIDAY	MEXICO	PATRIOTISM

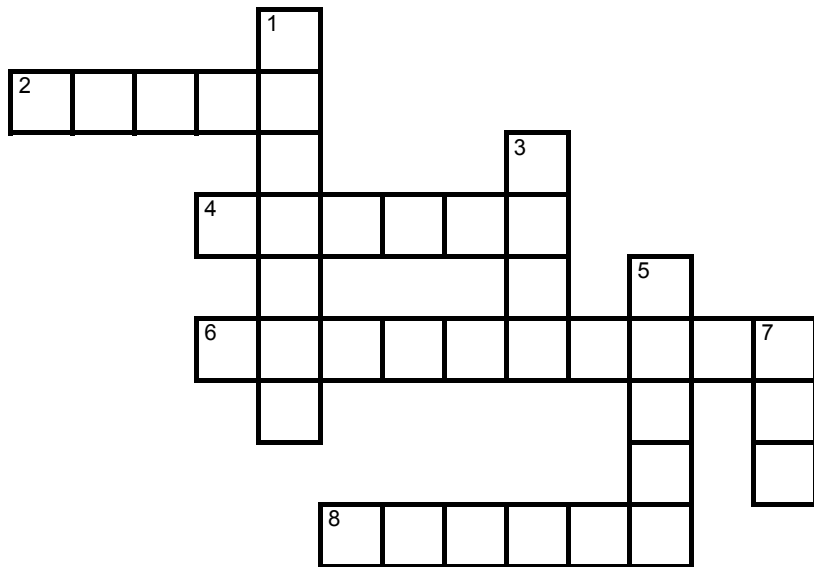
CINCO DE MAYO WORD UNSCRAMBLE



UNSCRAMBLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS.

1. ECIMOX _____
2. LIODYAH _____
3. EAOLCTBIRNE _____
4. SIAMTRITIPO _____
5. TFFHI _____
6. AMY _____
7. ATEIFS _____
8. CUISM _____
9. FNU _____
10. NICDNAG _____
11. CFANER _____
12. RYTEBLI _____
13. EHRCFN _____
14. DREFMOE _____

CINCO DE MAYO CROSSWORD PUZZLE



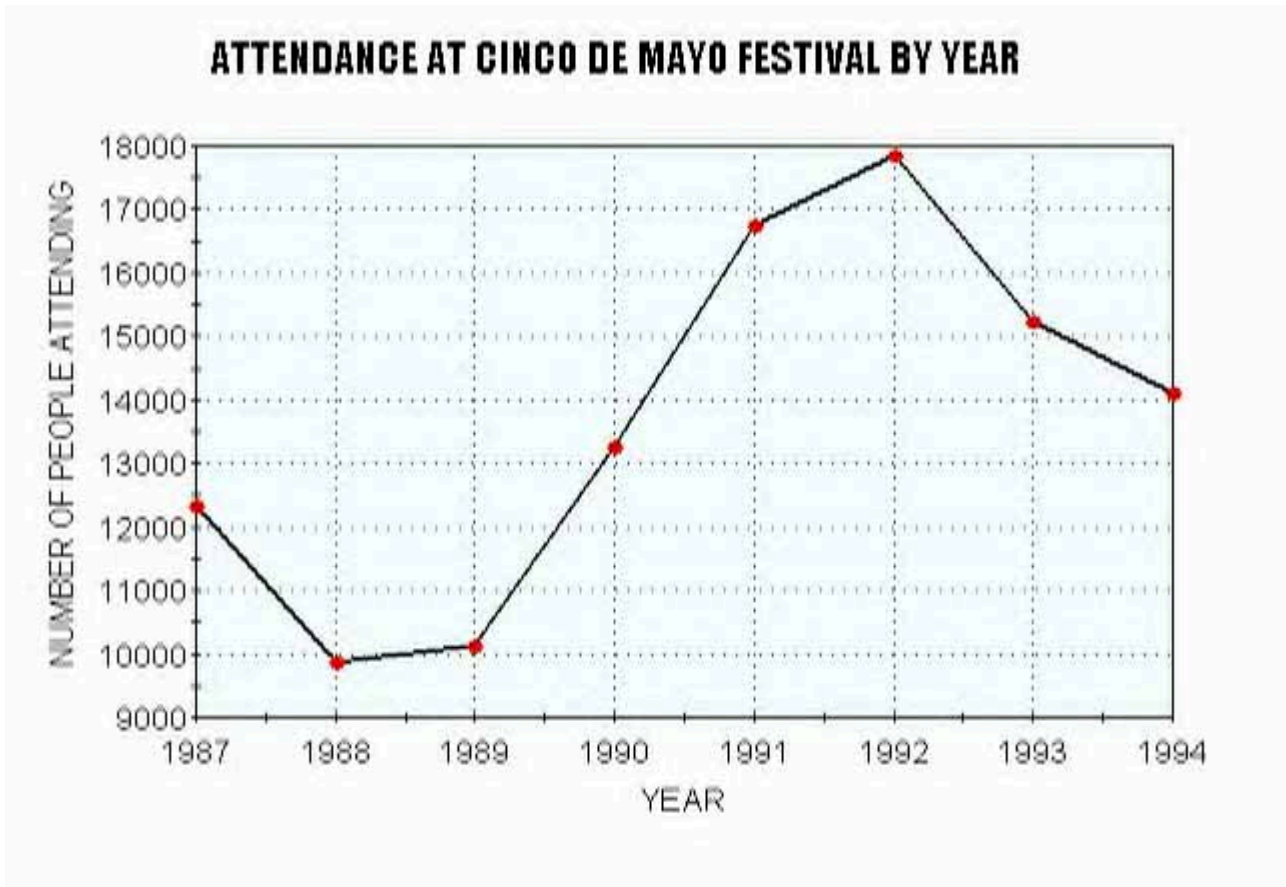
Across

- 2. Spanish word for fifth
- 4. A Mexican celebration
- 6. Love and respect for your country
- 8. The Mexican Army defeated the _____ army at the Battle of Puebla.

Down

- 1. Cinco de Mayo is a Mexican _____.
- 3. Spanish word for May
- 5. Cinco de Mayo is celebrated on the ____ day of the month.
- 7. Cinco de Mayo is celebrated in the month of _____.

CINCO DE MAYO LINE GRAPH



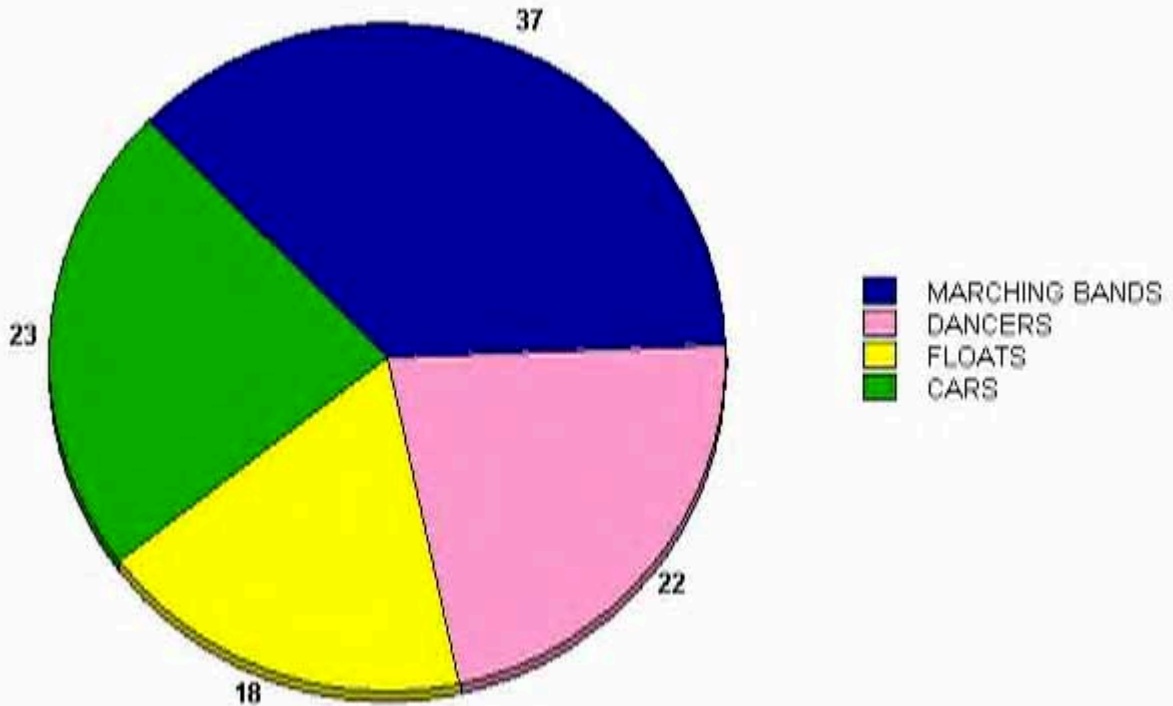
ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.

1. In which year did 13,267 people attend the Cinco De Mayo festival? _____
2. What is the title of this graph? _____

3. The fewest people attended the festival in _____.
4. In which year did 16,765 people attend the festival? _____
5. The greatest number of people attended the festival in _____.
6. In which years did less than 13,000 people attend the festival? _____, _____, and _____
7. In which years did more than 15,000 people attend the festival? _____, _____, and _____

CINCO DE MAYO PIE GRAPH

ENTRIES IN THE CINCO DE MAYO PARADE IN PERCENTS



ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.

1. What percentage of the parade entries were floats?

2. What percentage of the parade entries were marching bands?

3. Most of the parade entries were _____.
4. Marching bands and dancers totaled _____ of the parade entries.
5. Floats and cars totaled _____ percent of the parade entries.
6. Cars and dancers totaled _____ percent of the parade entries.



MATH WORD PROBLEMS

1. Marissa saved \$30.00 to spend at the Cinco de Mayo festival. She spent \$18.60 before noon. How much did she have left to spend in afternoon?
 - a. \$21.40
 - b. \$11.40
 - c. \$17.30
 - d. \$18.47

2. Mr. Rodriguez sold Cinco de Mayo t-shirts in his store. The t-shirts cost \$12.99 each. He sold nine t-shirts this morning. What is the best estimate of the total cost of the nine shirts?
 - a. \$150.00
 - b. \$160.00
 - c. \$130.00
 - d. \$120.00

3. Last year, 10,466 people attended the Cinco de Mayo festival. 8,764 more people attended this year than last year. How many people attended the festival this year?
 - a. 1502
 - b. 20,438
 - c. 20,372
 - d. 19,230

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4. Mrs. Sanchez gave \$15.00 to each of her five children to spend at the Cinco de Mayo festival. What was the total amount of money she gave her children?
 - a. \$75.00
 - b. \$95.00
 - c. \$105.00
 - d. \$85.00

5. Each parade entry paid a \$24.00 fee to be in the parade. There were forty-six entries. How much money did the parade committee collect?
 - a. \$1204.00
 - b. \$1004.00
 - c. \$1104.00
 - d. \$994.00

6. Eleven dancers wore costumes that cost \$29.99 each. What is the best estimate of the total cost of the costumes for this group?
 - a. \$300
 - b. \$400
 - c. \$100
 - d. \$200

7. Mr. Marcos has a taco stand in the center of the city. The stand is open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mr. Marcos sold 178 tacos between 11:00 and 12:00, and 227 tacos between 12:00 and 1:00. How many tacos did he sell in all?
 - a. 337
 - b. 405
 - c. 421
 - d. 395

ANSWER PAGE FOR CINCO DE MAYO UNIT

- PAGE 2:
1. fifth of May
 2. a Mexican celebration
 3. in Mexico and in the United States
 4. There were about 5000 Mestizo and Zapotec Indians fighting the French army. They had very few weapons and were able to win the Battle of Puebla against the French army.
 5. Fiestas are held with music, dancing, parades and food.
 6. They are both celebrated with music, dancing, parades and food.
 7. 1846-1848
 8. The Cinco de Mayo celebrations in the United States are much larger than the celebrations in Mexico.

PAGE 3: NO ANSWERS NEEDED

- PAGE 4:
1. MEXICO
 2. HOLIDAY
 3. CELEBRATION
 4. PATRIOTISM
 5. FIFTH
 6. MAY
 7. FIESTA
 8. MUSIC
 9. FUN
 10. DANCING
 11. FRANCE
 12. LIBERTY
 13. FRENCH
 14. FREEDOM

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PAGE 5: **Across:** 2. CINCO, 4. FIESTA,
6. PATRIOTISM, 8. FRENCH.
Down: 1. HOLIDAY, 3. MAYO, 5. FIFTH,
7. MAY

PAGE 6: WRITING ACTIVITY: ANSWERS WILL VARY

PAGE 7: 1. 1990
2. ATTENDANCE AT CINCO DE MAYO
FESTIVAL BY YEAR
3. 1988
4. 1991
5. 1992
6. 1987, 1988, AND 1989
7. 1991, 1992, AND 1993

PAGE 8: 1. 18%
2. 37%
3. marching bands
4. 59%
5. 41%
6. 45%

PAGES 9-10: 1. b
2. d
3. d
4. a
5. c
6. a
7. b