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Mexico facts

OFFICIAL NAME:

United Mexican States

CAPITAL:

Mexico City

POPULATION:

125 million

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE:

Mexican Spanish

CURRENCY (MONEY):

Peso

AREA:

758,449 square miles

(1,964,375 square km)

CLIMATE:

Tropical on the coast deserts inland

MAJOR MOUNTAIN RANGES:

Sierra Madre

MAJOR RIVERS:

Rio Grande, Yaqui

MAJOR PRODUCTS:

Corn, wheat, soybeans, rice,
beans, cotton, tobacco, silver,
iron steel, petroleum



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chichen itza

- ♀ Chichen Itza was a large city built by the Mayan Indians in **400 A.D.**
- ♀ It is located on the **Yucatan Peninsula** in Mexico.
- ♀ Chichen Itza is over **1,500** years old.
- ♀ Chichen Itza means "**At the mouth of the well of Itza**".
- ♀ Maya people that lived in Chichen Itza were **sculptors, weavers, jewelers** and **potters**.
- ♀ The Castillo is a monument in the shape of a **pyramid** in Chichen Itza.



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nachos

A tortilla is a type of flat bread, made from finely ground corn (maize). In 1943, the wives of U.S. soldiers went on a shopping trip to nearby Piedras Nabras, Mexico. They arrived at a restaurant for lunch and the host, Ignacio “Nacho” Anaya, invented a snack using corn tortillas and cheese. He cut the tortillas into triangles, added shredded cheddar cheese, and served them warm. When asked what the dish was called, he said, “Nacho’s especial”! (Nacho’s special)

ingredients:

1 bag of tortilla chips

1 bottle of enchilada sauce

1 lb (453 g) mild cheddar cheese, shredded

Olives, tomatoes, sour cream (optional)

directions:

Ask an adult to pre-heat oven to 400°F/200°C. Spread tortilla chips in a single layer on a baking dish. Using a soup ladle, drizzle warm enchilada sauce over the chips. Sprinkle cheese on top of the sauce. Add olives and tomatoes on top. Ask the adult to heat in oven until the cheese is melted. Add sour cream in the center.



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language

Hola



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common words & phrases

HELLO

Hola

GOODBYE

Adiós

THANK YOU

Gracias

YOU'RE WELCOME

De nada

PLEASE

Por favor

NICE TO MEET YOU

Mucho gusto

HOW ARE YOU?

Cómo está?

VERY WELL

Muy bien

GOOD MORNING

Buenos días

GOOD EVENING

Buenas noches

FRIEND

Amigo

WHAT'S HAPPENING? / WHAT'S UP?

Qué pasa?



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Mexico fun facts

- ♀ Mexico is the largest **Spanish-speaking** country in the world.
- ♀ The **Plaza de Toros** in Mexico City is the largest bullfighting ring in the world.
- ♀ The **Aztecs** and the **Mayans** were an advanced native population in Mexico.
- ♀ Mexico is located in the "**Ring of Fire**". This area is one of the world's most violent earthquake and volcano zones.
- ♀ Mexico City sinks **10 inches** (25cm) each year, as it was built on an ancient lake.
- ♀ The **Chihuahua** is the smallest breed of dog in the world.
- ♀ Mexico is widely believed to have introduced **chocolate**, **corn**, and **chilies** to the world.
- ♀ When Spanish Conquistador **Hernan Cortés** arrived in 1519, the Aztecs believed he was their returning god and offered him the drink of the gods, **hot chocolate**.



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green turtle

- ♀ **Six** out of the world's seven turtle species nest along the Mexico **coastline**.
- ♀ The Green Turtle is named for the **greenish** color of its **skin**.
- ♀ These ancient creatures have been on earth for more than **100 million** years.
- ♀ Weighing up to **700 pounds** (317.5 kg), green turtles are among the largest sea turtles in the world. They can live to be **100 years** old.
- ♀ Unlike most sea turtles, adult green turtles are **herbivorous**, feeding on sea grasses and algae.
- ♀ Females dig a pit in the sand with their flippers, fill it with **100 to 200 eggs**, cover the pit and return to the sea. The eggs hatch two months later.
- ♀ The **most dangerous** time of a green turtle's life is when it makes the journey from nest to sea.
- ♀ Green turtles are listed as an **endangered species**.



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traditional clothes



Mexico traditional clothing

- ♀ The **charro** is the traditional outfit worn by a Mexican cowboy, made up of a **short jacket** and high tight black pants with metal buttons called "**botonadura**", and a **sombrero** hat. This hat has a very wide brim, and a chin strap to hold it in place.
- ♀ The name sombrero comes from the Spanish word **sombra** which means **shade**. Mexican cowboys, or **vaqueros**, adapted the hats that the Spanish brought with them to create the sombrero.
- ♀ **Charro** outfits are worn for formal events, weddings and in the traditional Folkloric Dance.
- ♀ The Mexican **China Poblano** folklore dresses are layered and have bright colored ribbons that go around the bottom of the dress and twirl as they dance.
- ♀ This dress is worn when dancing "**El Jarabe Tapatio**", "The Mexican Hat Dance", which is considered the national folk dance of Mexico.



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Mexico Money **peso**

(currency)

- ♀ The symbol for the peso is **\$**.
- ♀ The peso is the currency of Mexico. There are one hundred Mexican cents (**centavos**) to every peso.
- ♀ The name comes from the Spanish words **pesos oro** (gold weights) or **pesos plata** (silver weights).
- ♀ Mexican paper bills are printed in values of **20, 50, 100, 200, 500** and **1,000** pesos.
- ♀ The front of the bills have **portraits** of important people in the history of Mexico and the backside shows **important buildings**.
- ♀ Mexican cent coins are issued in values of **5, 10, 20** and **50** cent (centavo) pieces.
- ♀ One side of all coins has the **national shield** of the country engraved on them, and the other side shows the **value** of the coin.



Mexico

trivia questions

Are you a World Discovery expert on Mexico? Let's see how much you learned. The answers are on the back of this card but don't peek!

1. What is the Capitol of Mexico?
2. Who built Chichen Itza?
3. What is thin, flat Mexican bread called?
4. What does the word "amigo" mean?
5. What's the world's smallest breed of dog?
6. Is a green turtle's shell green?
7. What outfit does a Mexican cowboy wear?
8. What Mexican "cent" coins called?



1. Mexico City
2. The Mayans
3. Tortilla
4. Friend
5. Chihuahua
6. No, its skin is green
7. A charro
8. Centavos

Let's see how you scored!

8 CORRECT

World Discovery Mexico **Genius**

7 CORRECT

World Discovery Mexico **Expert**

6 CORRECT

World Discovery Mexico **Whiz Kid**

5 CORRECT

World Discovery Mexico **Hot Shot**

4 CORRECT

World Discovery Mexico **Ace**

3 CORRECT

World Discovery Mexico **Explorer**

2 CORRECT

World Discovery Mexico **Jr. Explorer**

1 CORRECT

World Discovery Mexico **Student**



Mexico

trivia questions

Here are some fun facts you can try out on the grown-ups! You can show them your Mexico Collectible Cards and see if they can answer these questions. Don't let them peek at the answers on the back of this card!

1. What shape is the Castillo?
2. Who invented nacho's?
3. How do you say "whats up" in Spanish
4. What are Mexican paper bills called?
5. What is Mexico's official language?
6. What is the "Ring of Fire"?
7. How long have Green Turtles lived on the earth?
8. The word sombrero comes from the Spanish word "sombra". What does "sombra" mean?



Mexico trivia answers

1. A pyramid
2. Ignacio "Nacho" Anaya
3. Qué pasa?
4. Pesos
5. Mexican Spanish
6. One of the world's most violent earthquake and volcano zones.
7. More than 100 million years
8. The Spanish word "sombra" means shade.

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