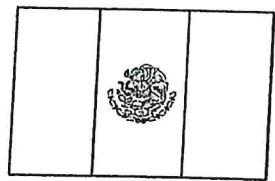


Cinco de Mayo is a holiday that began in Mexico. In Spanish, the words cinco de Mayo mean May 5<sup>th</sup>, which is when this holiday takes place. It celebrates the date the Mexican army won an important battle in 1862. It was against France in the Franco-Mexican War. It was called the Battle of Puebla. France was trying to invade Mexico, but Mexico won the battle.

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People in Mexico celebrate Cinco de Mayo each year. However, they are not the only country to celebrate. Other countries, such as the United States, also join in on the celebrations. Festivals, performances, and parades are a few ways that people celebrate Cinco de Mayo. People also make special Mexican meals and have fiestas, or parties, with piñatas and dancing. Although Mexico honors Cinco de Mayo, it is not actually a national holiday. They celebrate more on Mexican Independence Day, which takes place in September. Cinco de Mayo is celebrated more in America to honor the Mexican culture and heritage. It is very popular in areas of America where many Mexican-Americans live.



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Cinco de Mayo is celebrated only in Mexico.	The holiday is just as popular in America as it is Mexico.
Festivals, parades, and fiestas are held.	Cinco de Mayo is celebrated on March 5 <sup>th</sup> .
It honors the Battle of Puebla in the Franco-Mexican War.	The holiday honors the Mexican-American War.
The only way to celebrate is by having a parade.	Cinco de Mayo is celebrated on May 5 <sup>th</sup> .

**True**

**False**

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