


Las Posadas

CHRISTMAS PROCESSION

READING COMPREHENSION



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In many countries, Christmas is celebrated with special traditions. One such tradition is called Las Posadas, which means "the inns" in Spanish. It's a beautiful celebration that happens in Mexico and some other Latin American countries.

STARTING LAS POSADAS
Las Posadas starts on December 16th and lasts for nine days, ending on December 24th. Each night, families and friends gather to reenact the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem.

PREPARING FOR THE PROCESSION
Before the procession begins, people get ready by making lanterns and candles. They also practice singing traditional songs that they will sing while walking through the streets.

WALKING THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD
Everyone gathers together to start the procession. They walk through the neighborhood, carrying lanterns and candles. The streets are filled with beautiful light and joyful singing.

KNOCKING ON DOORS
During the procession, the group stops at different houses just like Mary and Joseph did on their journey. At each house, they knock on the door and sing. If they are turned away until the next house.

THE FINAL HOUSE
At the last house, where they arrive on the night, offering candles and singing. The celebration ends with music, dancing, and a feast.

BREAKING THE PIÑATA
One of the most exciting parts of Las Posadas for children is breaking the piñata. A piñata is a colorful container filled with candy and treats. Children take turns trying to break the piñata with a stick, and everyone enjoys the candy that spills out.

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Choose the correct answer.

Las Posadas start?
25th
16th

When do Las Posadas last?

What do people carry during the procession?
candles

What do people do at each house?

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READING COMPREHENSION MCQ'S QUESTIONS ANSWER KEY

READING PASSAGES WITH TEXT DEPENDENT QUESTIONS

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WALKING THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD

As the sun sets, everyone gathers together to start the procession. They walk through the neighborhood, carrying their lanterns and candles. The streets are filled with beautiful light and joyful singing.



KNOCKING ON DOORS

During the procession, the group stops at different houses, just like Mary and Joseph did on their journey. At each house, they knock on the door and ask for shelter, but they are turned away until they reach the final house.

REACHING THE FINAL HOUSE

Finally, they reach the last house, where they are warmly welcomed inside. This house becomes the "inn" for the night, offering a haven of hospitality. Everyone enters, and the celebration resumes with music, food, and laughter. The joyous atmosphere fills the space, marking the culmination of their journey.

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BREAKING THE PIÑATA

One of the most exciting parts of Las Posadas for children is breaking the piñata. A piñata is a colorful container filled with candies and treats. Children take turns hitting it with a stick until it breaks open, and everyone scrambles to collect the goodies that spill out.



ENJOYING TRADITIONAL FOODS

After the piñata fun, everyone gathers to enjoy a delicious feast. Traditional Mexican foods like tamales, pozole, and bunuelos are served. The air is filled with the delicious smells of these festive dishes.

SETTING UP THE NATIVITY SCENE

At the end of the evening, a Nativity scene is set up in the house. This scene includes figures of Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, and other characters from the Christmas story. It reminds everyone of the true meaning of Christmas.

CONCLUSION

Las Posadas is a wonderful celebration that brings people together to celebrate the spirit of Christmas. It teaches us about kindness, hospitality, and the importance of helping others. As the festivities end, everyone goes home with hearts full of joy and love, ready to continue the Christmas season with warmth and generosity.

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Name_____

Date_____

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DIRECTIONS CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. When does Las Posadas start?

- a) December 25th
- b) December 16th
- c) January 1st
- d) December 31st

2. How long does Las Posadas last?

- a) Seven days
- b) Twelve days
- c) Nine days
- d) Ten days

3. What do people carry during the procession of Las Posadas?

- a) Flowers
- b) Lanterns and candles
- c) Flags
- d) Toys

4. What do participants do at each house during the procession?

- a) Sing carols
- b) Exchange gifts
- c) Knock on the door and ask for shelter
- d) Play games

5. What is the final house of the procession called?

- a) Inn
- b) Stable
- c) Hostel
- d) House of Mary and Joseph

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. What is Las Posadas?
2. When does Las Posadas start and end?
3. What do people carry during the procession?
4. What is the purpose of breaking the piñata?
5. What traditional Mexican foods are mentioned in the passage?

6. What is one of the highlights for Posadas?

- a) Carol singing
- b) Storytelling
- c) Breaking the piñata
- d) Playing in the snow

7. What traditional Mexican food is mentioned in the passage?

- a) Pizza
- b) Sushi
- c) Tamales
- d) Spaghetti

8. What is set up in the house at the end of the Posadas evening?

- a) Christmas tree
- b) Snowman
- c) Nativity scene
- d) Gingerbread house

9. What does the Nativity scene remind us of?

- a) The joy of receiving gifts
- b) The true meaning of Christmas
- c) The excitement of the procession
- d) The delicious feast

10. What does Las Posadas teach us, according to the passage?

- a) The importance of friendship
- b) The significance of being kind and hospitable
- c) The importance of holiday decorations
- d) The joy of singing carols

ANSWER KEY

MCQS

1. b) December 16th
2. c) Nine days
3. b) Lanterns and candles
4. c) Knock on the door and ask for shelter
5. a) Inn
6. c) Breaking the piñata
7. c) Tamales
8. c) Nativity scene
9. b) The true meaning of Christmas
10. b) The significance of being kind and hospitable

SHORT-ANSWER QUESTION

1. Las Posadas is a special celebration in Mexico during the Christmas season.
2. Las Posadas starts on December 16th and ends on December 24th.
3. People carry lanterns and candles during the procession.
4. The purpose of breaking the piñata is to add excitement and laughter to the celebration.
5. Traditional Mexican foods mentioned in the passage include tamales, pozole, and bunuelos.

**10 - MCQ'S & 5
QUESTIONS**

**ANSWER KEY
INCLUDED**