

Las Posadas

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

READING COMPREHENSION



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BREAKING THE PIÑATA
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COMMUNITY CELEBRATION
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LAS POSADAS
Las Posadas is a Mexican celebration that takes place during the Christmas season. It brings families and friends together for nine nights.

PREPARING FOR THE PROCESSION
Before the celebration begins, everyone in the community gets ready. Lanterns are lit, candles are prepared, and traditional songs are practiced. Excitement fills the air as everyone eagerly anticipates the start of the procession.

NEIGHBORHOOD
The procession begins. People of all ages walk through the streets with lanterns and candles. They sing songs and share stories as they go from house to house.

REENACTING THE JOURNEY
Participants reenact the journey of Mary and Joseph, seeking shelter from the harsh winter weather. They travel from one place to another until they find a place of rest. At the end of the journey, they celebrate the birth of Jesus.



**READING COMPREHENSION
MCQ'S
QUESTIONS
ANSWER KEY**

READING PASSAGES WITH TEXT DEPENDENT QUESTIONS

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

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GATHERING FOR LAS POSADAS

Las Posadas is a traditional Mexican celebration that takes place during the Christmas season. It brings neighbors, families, and friends together for nine nights of joy and togetherness.



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WALKING THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD

As the sun sets, the procession begins. People of all ages walk through the neighborhood, carrying lanterns and candles. They sing songs and share stories as they make their way from house to house.

REENACTING THE JOURNEY

During the procession, participants reenact the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. They knock on doors, asking for shelter, just as Mary and Joseph did on that fateful night.

FINDING SHELTER

At each house, the group is turned away until they reach the final one. There, they are welcomed inside with open arms, finding the refuge they seek. This house becomes the "inn" for the night, a place of warmth and hospitality. The celebration continues within, marking the end of their search and the beginning of shared joy.

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BREAKING THE PIÑATA

One of the highlights of Las Posadas is breaking the piñata. Children take turns trying to break open the colorful container filled with candies and treats. Laughter and cheers fill the air as the goodies spill out.

FEASTING TOGETHER

After the piñata fun, everyone gathers for a delicious feast. Traditional Mexican dishes like tamales, pozole, and bunuelos are served. The aroma of the food adds to the festive atmosphere.



SETTING UP THE NATIVITY SCENE

At the end of the evening, a Nativity scene is set up in the house. This scene reminds everyone of the true meaning of Christmas and the importance of love, compassion, and community.

NOCHEBUENA

On the final night of Las Posadas, December 24th, a big party called Nochebuena is held. Families come together to share a festive meal, exchange gifts, and celebrate the joy of the season.

CONCLUSION

Las Posadas is more than just a celebration—it's a time for communities to come together in unity and love. Through music, food, and shared traditions, Las Posadas strengthens bonds and creates lasting memories for all who participate.

READING COMPREHENSION

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Name _____

Date _____

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

DIRECTIONS CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

- 1. When does Las Posadas typically take place?**
 - a) During Easter
 - b) During the Christmas season
 - c) During Halloween
 - d) During the summer vacation
- 2. How many nights does Las Posadas last?**
 - a) Five nights
 - b) Seven nights
 - c) Nine nights
 - d) Twelve nights
- 3. What do people carry during the procession of Las Posadas?**
 - a) Lanterns and candles
 - b) Flags
 - c) Instruments
 - d) Toys
- 4. What do participants reenact during the procession?**
 - a) The journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem
 - b) The story of Noah's Ark
 - c) The discovery of America
 - d) The adventures of Robin Hood
- 5. What happens at each house during the procession?**
 - a) Participants exchange gifts
 - b) Participants play games
 - c) Participants knock on the door and ask for shelter
 - d) Participants perform a dance

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. When does Las Posadas typically take place?
2. How many nights does Las Posadas last?
3. What do people carry during the procession?
4. What do participants reenact during the procession?
5. What is set up in the house at the end of the Las Posadas evening?

6. What is the final house called during Las Posadas?
a) The stable
b) The inn
c) The tavern
d) The castle

7. What is one of the highlights for children during Las Posadas?
a) Singing carols
b) Telling stories
c) Breaking the piñata
d) Doing crafts

8. What traditional Mexican foods are served during Las Posadas?
a) Sushi and pizza
b) Tacos and enchiladas
c) Tamales, pozole, and bunuelos
d) Pasta and salad

9. What is set up in the house at the end of the Las Posadas evening?
a) A Christmas tree
b) A snowman
c) A Nativity scene
d) A gingerbread house

10. What big party is held on December 24th during Las Posadas?
a) Nochebuena
b) Navidad
c) Reyes

ANSWER KEY

MCQS

1. b) During the Christmas season
2. c) Nine nights
3. a) Lanterns and candles
4. a) The journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem
5. c) Participants knock on the door and ask for shelter
6. b) The inn
7. c) Breaking the piñata
8. c) Tamales, pozole, and bunuelos
9. c) A Nativity scene
10. a) Nochebuena

SHORT-ANSWER QUESTION

1. Las Posadas typically takes place during the Christmas season.
2. Las Posadas lasts for nine nights.
3. People carry lanterns and candles during the procession.
4. Participants reenact the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem during the procession.
5. A Nativity scene is set up in the house at the end of the Las Posadas evening.

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QUESTIONS

ANSWER KEY
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