

# Mexican Independence Day

# INDEPENDENCE

## READING COMPREHENSION



**CELEBRATING FREEDOM**  
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**THE ERA OF SPANISH RULE**  
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**HEARD ACROSS MEXICO**  
A brave man named Miguel Hidalgo. He heard the cry for freedom echoing through Mexico. On a night filled with hope, September 15, 1810, he rang the bells of his church and urged his fellow citizens to rise up and fight for independence. This moment became known as the Cry of Independence.

**TO VICTORY**  
Independence was long and difficult. Many battles and sacrifices along the way. But the determination fueled their efforts until, finally, victory was achieved.

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### THE ERA OF SPANISH RULE

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### DREAMS OF FREEDOM

The people of Mexico had dreams of freedom. They wished to govern their own land and make their own rules. But achieving this dream wasn't easy; it required bravery and determination.



### THE CRY HEARD ACROSS MEXICO

Imagine a brave man named Miguel Hidalgo. He heard the calls for freedom echoing through Mexico. On a night filled with courage, September 15, 1810, he rang the bells of his church and urged his fellow citizens to rise up and fight for independence. This moment became known as the Cry of Dolores.

### A NATION IN ARMS

Inspired by Miguel Hidalgo's cry, people from all walks of life joined the fight for independence. They stood together, ready to face whatever challenges came their way. It was a time of unity and strength.

### THE LONG ROAD TO VICTORY

The journey to independence was long and difficult. The people of Mexico faced many battles and sacrifices along the way. But they never lost hope. Their determination fueled their efforts until, finally, victory was theirs.

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### CELEBRATING FREEDOM

Today, Mexican Independence Day is a day of celebration and joy! It's a time for colorful parades, lively music, and dancing in the streets. Families gather to share delicious food and honor the heroes of their nation.

### TRADITIONS THAT BIND

Some traditions make this day even more special. The President of Mexico reenacts Miguel Hidalgo's cry from the balcony of the National Palace. People decorate their homes and streets with papel picado, adding to the festive atmosphere.

### A PROUD NATION

Mexican Independence Day is not just about the past; it's also about celebrating the vibrant culture and identity of Mexico. It's a reminder of the strength and resilience of its people.



### CONCLUSION

As we celebrate Mexican Independence Day, let's remember the bravery of those who fought for freedom. Let's honor their legacy by cherishing the values of unity, courage, and determination. Viva México!

## READING COMPREHENSION

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# MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE

DIRECTIONS CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. What is celebrated on September 16th in Mexico?
  - a) Day of the Dead
  - b) Mexican Independence Day
  - c) Cinco de Mayo
  - d) National Taco Day
2. Who is credited with ringing the church bells and calling for independence?
  - a) Miguel Hidalgo
  - b) Hernán Cortés
  - c) Juan Diego
  - d) Emiliano Zapata
3. What is the Cry of Dolores also known as?
  - a) The Ring of Liberty
  - b) The Call to Freedom
  - c) The Cry of Freedom
  - d) The Call of Miguel
4. What event inspired Miguel Hidalgo to ring the church bells and call for independence?
  - a) The Battle of Puebla
  - b) The Cry of Dolores
  - c) The Spanish Inquisition
  - d) The Day of the Dead
5. How is Mexican Independence Day celebrated?
  - a) With solemn ceremonies
  - b) With colorful parades, music, and dancing
  - c) With silent protests
  - d) With private family gatherings only

## SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. What is celebrated on September 16th?
2. Who rang the church bells to call for independence?
3. What is another name for the Cry of Dolores?
4. How is Mexican Independence Day celebrated?
5. What are papel picado?

## 6. Who reenacts the Cry of Dolores celebrations?

- a) The Prime Minister of Mexico
- b) The President of Mexico
- c) The Mayor of Mexico City
- d) The Archbishop of Mexico

## 7. What are papel picado?

- a) Traditional Mexican masks
- b) Colorful paper banners
- c) Musical instruments
- d) Traditional Mexican candies

## 8. What does "Viva México!" mean?

- a) Long live Mexico!
- b) Happy Independence Day!
- c) Goodbye Mexico!
- d) Congratulations Mexico!

## 9. What is the main theme of Mexican Independence Day celebrations?

- a) Remembering ancient civilizations
- b) Honoring heroes who fought for freedom
- c) Celebrating foreign conquests
- d) Reflecting on modern politics

## 10. What is the message conveyed in the Mexican Independence Day?

- a) Independence was achieved peacefully
- b) Independence required unity and sacrifice
- c) Independence was achieved without any bloodshed
- d) Independence was achieved solely by Miguel Hidalgo

## ANSWER KEY

### MCQS

1. b) Mexican Independence Day
2. a) Miguel Hidalgo
3. b) The Call to Freedom
4. b) The Cry of Dolores
5. b) With colorful parades, music, and dancing
6. b) The President of Mexico
7. b) Colorful paper banners
8. a) Long live Mexico!
9. b) Honoring heroes who fought for freedom
10. b) Independence required unity and sacrifice

### SHORT-ANSWER QUESTION

1. Mexican Independence Day is celebrated on September 16th.
2. Miguel Hidalgo rang the church bells to call for independence.
3. The Cry of Dolores is also known as the Grito de Dolores.
4. Mexican Independence Day is celebrated with parades, music, dancing, and delicious food.
5. Papel picado are colorful paper banners with intricate designs..

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