Mexico City

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Mexico City is a very large city in the center of Mexico. It is the capital of the country. It has more people than any other city in the world. It has a subway underground to help move all the many people around.

Mexico City is in a low area that has mountains all around it. The weather in Mexico City is mild and warm, even in the winter. During the summer, it rains almost every day.

In downtown Mexico City, there is a large square. On one side of the square is the palace where the President of Mexico lives. The other three sides of the square have offices and Mexico’s largest church. In the middle of the square is a public meeting place, and it looks like a small park.

People can decorate the square for special events, such as the Independence Day Fiesta. Then people wear special clothes and sing and dance. Streets are closed off to cars so people can dance.

Mexico City has museums, parks, churches, and a zoo. In an art museum, you might see paintings by the famous Mexican artist Diego Rivera. Or you might see dancers with colorful clothes.

A favorite place to visit in Mexico City is the market. There people sell handmade pottery, jewelry, baskets, and much more. The people are proud of their work and enjoy showing it to those who visit the market.

For fun, they go to soccer games and to baseball games. These are the most popular sports in Mexico. Many families go together to see their favorite players.

Most of the people in Mexico do not work on Sundays. That is when they relax together in the parks or at home. They might enjoy a picnic together or visit their families.

1. The weather in Mexico City is usually\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Cold and rainy
2. Mild and warm
3. Hot and dry
4. Cool and dry

2. During the Independence Day Fiesta, the streets are closed off to cars so people can\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. sing

b. dance

c. play soccer

d. both a and b

3. Most people in Mexico \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on Sundays.

a. work

b. relax

c. go to market

d. go to school

**Short answer:**

Part A: If you were a teacher, write 1 more question you could ask your students after reading this passage.

Part B: Use the text to write the answer to your question.

A: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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