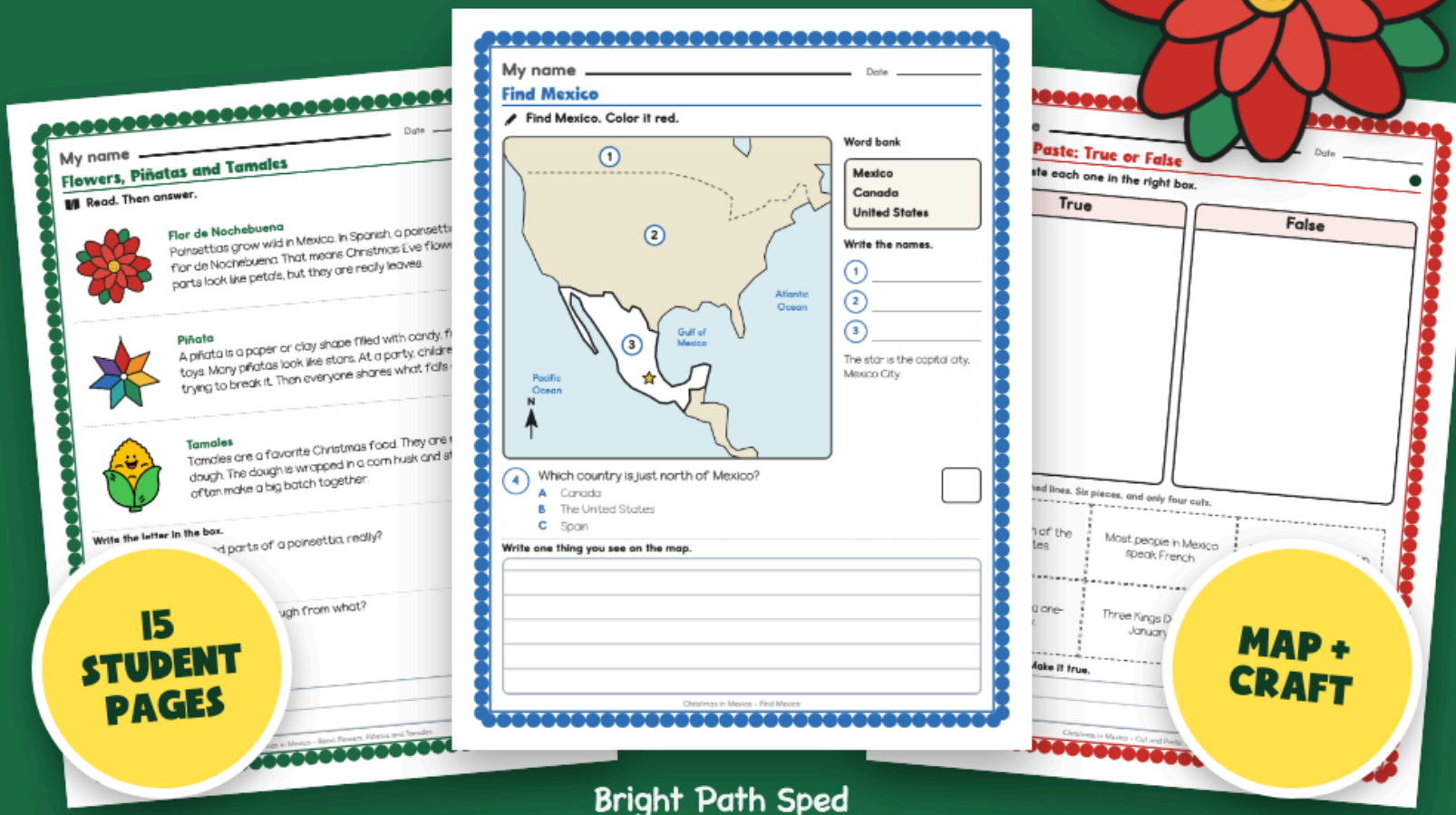
# CHRISTMAS IN MEXICO



## Reader, Map, Sort, Craft






15 STUDENT PAGES

MAP + CRAFT

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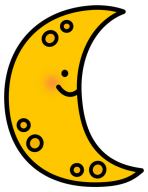
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## Words to Know

**Match each word to its meaning.**

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 |  | **posada** | | **A** | Merry Christmas in Spanish |
| 2 |  | **piñata** | | **B** | corn dough wrapped in a corn husk and steamed |
| 3 |  | **Nochebuena** | | **C** | a paper or clay shape filled with candy |
| 4 |  | **Feliz Navidad** | | **D** | a plant with red leaves that grows wild in Mexico |
| 5 |  | **poinsettia** | | **E** | an inn, or a place to stay |
| 6 |  | **tamale** | | **F** | Christmas Eve, December 24 |

**Use one of the words in a sentence.**

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# Welcome to Mexico

**Read. Then answer.**



## Mexico

Mexico is a country in North America. It is south of the United States. Most people in Mexico speak Spanish. Christmas is a big time of year there. Families have parties, songs, food, and flowers. Feliz Navidad means Merry Christmas.



## Las Posadas

Las Posadas starts on December 16 and lasts nine nights. A posada is an inn, or a place to stay. Neighbors walk from house to house and sing. They act out an old story about travelers who need a place to stay. Each night ends with a party at a different home.

**Write the letter in the box.**

1. Mexico is south of which country?
   - **A** Canada
   - **B** The United States
   - **C** Spain

2. How many nights do Las Posadas last?
   - **A** Three
   - **B** Nine
   - **C** Twelve

**Write one more thing you learned.**

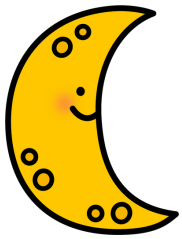
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# Nochebuena and Three Kings Day

**Read. Then answer.**



## Nochebuena

Nochebuena is Christmas Eve. It is on December 24. Families come together for a big dinner late at night. They eat, talk, and sing.



## Feliz Navidad

On December 25, families say, "Feliz Navidad!" Some families give gifts on Christmas Day. Many families have a quiet day at home together.



## Three Kings Day

On January 6, many families celebrate Three Kings Day. It remembers an old story about three kings who brought gifts. Children often get small gifts. Families share a sweet, ring-shaped bread.

**Write the letter in the box.**

1. What do many families do on Nochebuena?
   - **A** Eat a big dinner together
   - **B** Go to school
   - **C** Plant flowers

2. On which day is Three Kings Day?
   - **A** January 6
   - **B** December 6
   - **C** February 6

**Write one more thing you learned.**

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# True or False



**Read. Is it true or false?**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Mexico is a country in North America. | ☐ true | ☐ false |
| 2 | Las Posadas has a party on nine nights. | ☐ true | ☐ false |
| 3 | A piñata is filled with water. | ☐ true | ☐ false |
| 4 | Tamales are made with corn dough. | ☐ true | ☐ false |
| 5 | Nochebuena is on January 6. | ☐ true | ☐ false |
| 6 | Feliz Navidad means Happy Birthday. | ☐ true | ☐ false |

**Pick one false sentence. Write it so it is true.**

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# Cut and Paste: Match It

**Cut. Paste each one by its name.**

| Las Posadas | Poinsettia | Piñata |
|---|---|---|
| | | |

| Tamales | Nochebuena | Three Kings Day |
|---|---|---|
| | | |

**Cut on the dashed lines. Six pieces, and only four cuts.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Children take turns trying to break it. | A walk from house to house for nine nights. | A big family dinner on December 24. |
| A red plant called the Christmas Eve flower. | A January 6 day with small gifts and sweet bread. | Corn dough wrapped in a corn husk. |

**Which tradition do you like best?**

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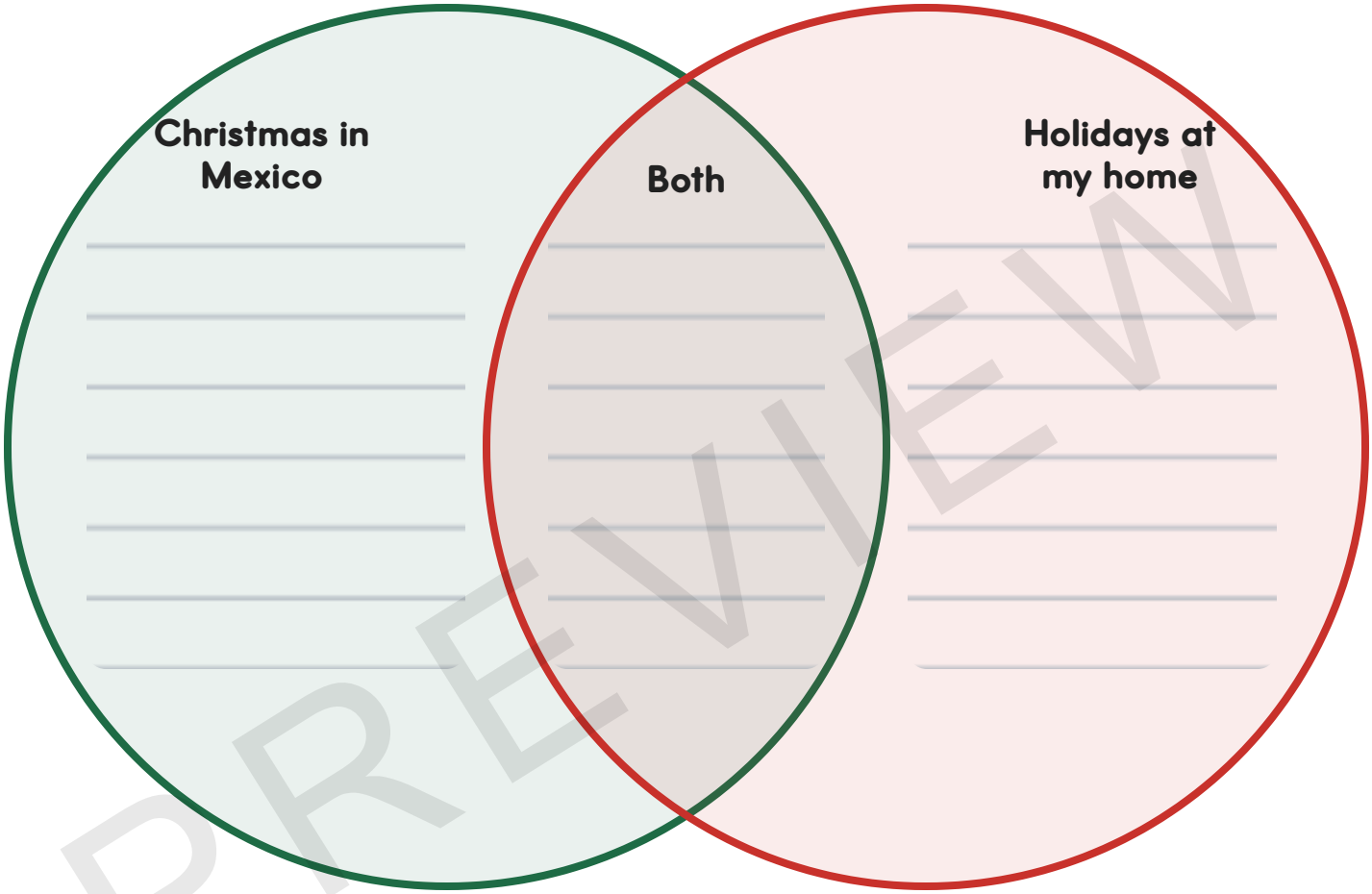
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# Mexico and My Home



**Write how they are alike and different.**

Think about Mexico. Think about your home.




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**One way they are the same:**

**One way they are different:**

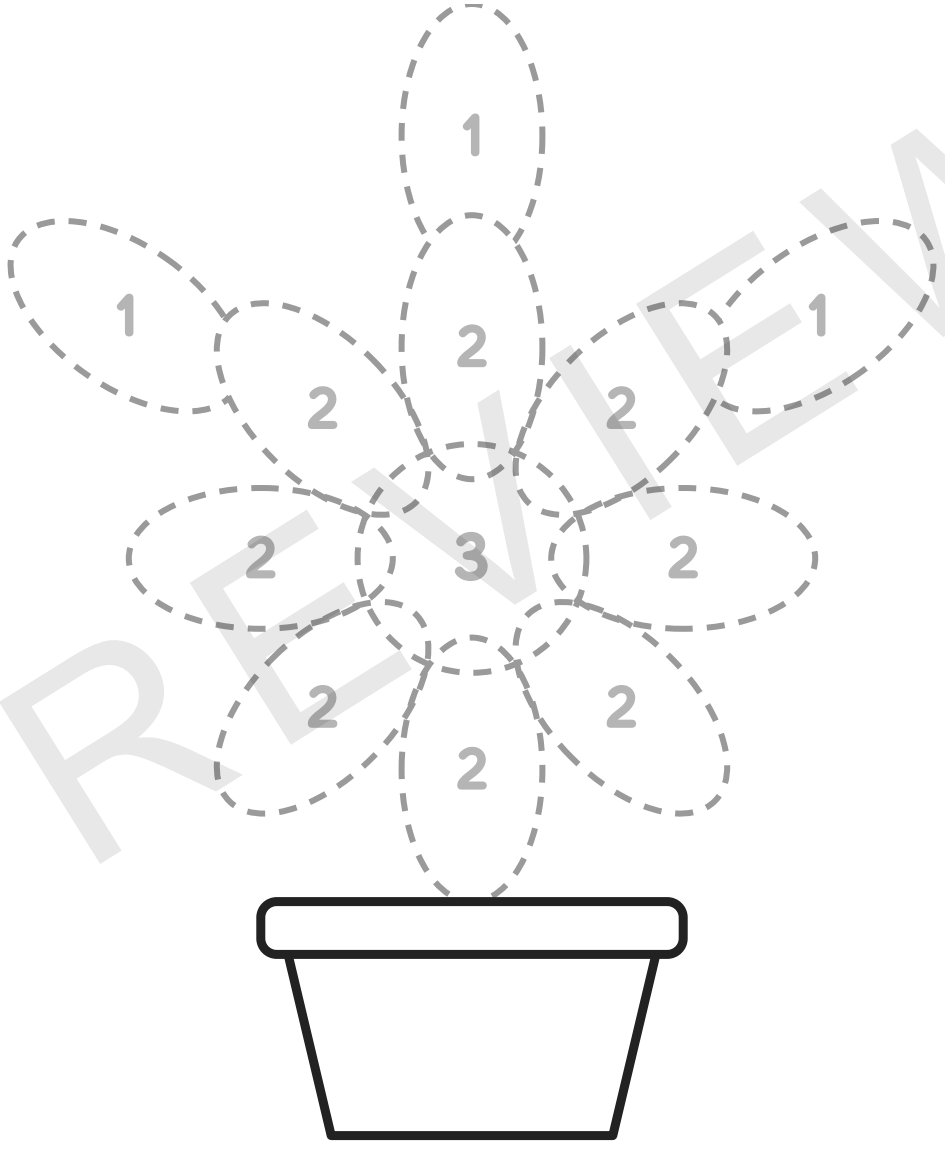
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# Poinsettia Craft: Glue



Glue the leaves, then the petals, then the center.




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My poinsettia is ____.

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# My Page About Mexico



**Draw it. Then write about it.**

**My picture**

Start with: My favorite tradition is ____. It is when ____. I like it because ____.

**Write about it.**

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# Answer Key: Words, Reader, Map, Facts

6 words, 6 reader checks, 4 map items and 6 true-or-false items.

## Reader checks pages 5 to 7

| Item | Starts with | Answer |
|---|---|---|
| p5 #1 | Mexico is south of which country? | B: The United States |
| p5 #2 | How many nights do Las Posadas ... | B: Nine |
| p6 #1 | What are the red parts of ... | C: Leaves |
| p6 #2 | Tamales are made with dough from ... | A: Corn |
| p7 #1 | What do many families do on ... | A: Eat a big dinner together |
| p7 #2 | On which day is Three Kings ... | A: January 6 |

### How the checks were made

Every check has one best answer that the reader states in so many words. If a student picks another letter, point to the sentence that settles it. Reading level is about grade 2 to 3: short sentences, one idea each. Read aloud first for students who need it.

## Words to Know page 4

| # | Word | Letter |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | posada | E |
| 2 | piñata | C |
| 3 | Nochebuena | F |
| 4 | Feliz Navidad | A |
| 5 | poinsettia | D |
| 6 | tamale | B |

## Find Mexico page 8

| # | Item | Answer |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Name on the map | Canada |
| 2 | Name on the map | United States |
| 3 | Name on the map | Mexico |
| 4 | Which country is just north of ... | B: The United States |

## True or False page 9

| # | Starts with | Answer |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Mexico is a country in North ... | True |
| 2 | Las Posadas has a party on ... | True |
| 3 | A piñata is filled with water. | False |
| 4 | Tamales are made with corn dough. | True |
| 5 | Nochebuena is on January 6. | False |
| 6 | Feliz Navidad means Happy Birthday. | False |

### Note on the map

Mexico is the country numbered 3, the one drawn with a thick outline. Number 1 is Canada, in the north. Number 2 is the United States, between them. The map is simple on purpose: it shows the three countries, not every border or lake.

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# Christmas in Mexico Tracker

One student, every scored page. Filled example: page 23.

Student _____ Teacher _____ Month _____

| Page | Page type | Items | Right | Date | Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | Words to Know | 6 | | | |
| 5 | Read: Welcome to Mexico | 2 | | | |
| 6 | Read: Flowers, Piñatas and Tamales | 2 | | | |
| 7 | Read: Nochebuena and Three Kings Day | 2 | | | |
| 8 | Find Mexico | 4 | | | |
| 9 | True or False | 6 | | | |
| 10 | Cut and Paste: True or False | 6 | | | |
| 11 | Cut and Paste: Match It | 6 | | | |
| 12 | Cut and Paste: In Order | 6 | | | |

## How to fill this in

Write how many items the student got right with no prompt, and the date. A blank means not tried yet, never wrong. There are 40 items on the 9 scored pages. Answer keys: pages 19 and 20. Filled example: page 23.

This month we are working on (your own wording)

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# Maya's Tracker (Invented Student)

Maya S. is invented; nothing on this page describes a real student. The blank tracker is on page 21.

Student: Maya S. (an invented student)

Teacher: Ms. Reyes (invented)

Month: November

| Page | Page type | Items | Right | Date | Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | Words to Know | 6 | 5 | 11/4 | Mixed up posada and piñata |
| 5 | Read: Welcome to Mexico | 2 | 2 | 11/5 | - |
| 6 | Read: Flowers, Piñatas and Tamales | 2 | 1 | 11/6 | Missed the poinsettia question |
| 7 | Read: Nochebuena and Three Kings Day | 2 | 2 | 11/7 | - |
| 8 | Find Mexico | 4 | 3 | 11/10 | Wrote Canada for the United States |
| 9 | True or False | 6 | 5 | 11/11 | Missed the piñata sentence |
| 10 | Cut and Paste: True or False | 6 | - | - | - |
| 11 | Cut and Paste: Match It | 6 | - | - | - |
| 12 | Cut and Paste: In Order | 6 | - | - | - |

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### How to read it

Maya S. has done **6 of 9** scored pages and got **18 of 22** items right with no prompt. **2** pages were all right and **4** carry a note. Every number comes from the table.

### What the table points to

The lowest page is Read: Flowers, Piñatas and Tamales (1 of 2). That is where the next practice goes. The 3 pages left blank are not tried yet, never wrong.

# Unit Folder and Tabs

For the teacher: a label and six tabs so the unit goes straight into your own folder or binder.

## Christmas in Mexico

### Unit folder for grades 2-5

**Set up the folder**

- Print this page. Trim the unit label and slip it into the front of a folder or binder.
- Trim the six tabs along the dashed lines and tape one to each divider: Read (pages 4 to 7), Map (page 8), Sort (pages 10, 11, 12), Craft (pages 14 and 15), Write (pages 16, 17), Records (pages 19 to 23).

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Read** | **Map** | **Sort** |
| **Craft** | **Write** | **Records** |

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