

Cinco de Mayo

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Hello everyone! Welcome back for another English Extravaganza! Next Friday is Showa Day but it is also an important holiday in Mexico! The holiday is called Cinco de Mayo. Cinco de Mayo means “the 5th of May” in Spanish and it is the anniversary of a battle that took place(起きた) between the Mexicans and the French. It is a national holiday in Mexico and is celebrated in the city of Puebla. This is the city where the battle took place.

In Mexico, there are large parades where people dress up as Mexican and French soldiers. Women also dance in beautiful, colorful Mexican dresses. People sell traditional Mexican foods, like tacos and tamales(タマレ), which are corn, vegetables, and meat mashed up and wrapped in a banana leaf. They are delicious!



President Trump wants to build a wall to separate Mexico and the United States, but many Americans love Mexico and do not want a wall. In fact, Cinco de Mayo is more popular in the United States than in Mexico. It is a big celebration of Mexican culture all over the United States, especially in California, Arizona, and Texas. In



the United States and some parts of Canada, people often have Cinco de Mayo parties with their friends and family, even if they are not from Mexico. The colors of the Mexican flag (red, white, and green) are used for party decorations. Mexican musicians, called Mariachi bands, play music. People decorate with balloons, streamers(リボン飾り), flowers, and piñatas(ピニヤタ). Piñatas are paper containers filled with candy. It is a lot of fun to watch children break the piñata at parties.

So, does Cinco de Mayo sound fun? Do you want to go to Mexico or the United States and celebrate? That's all for this time. I'll be back next week with more English Extravaganza!