

Cinco de Mayo – May 5th

Chorus:           Cinco de Mayo, Cinco de Mayo!  
                      That's the fifth of May.  
                      Cinco de Mayo, Cinco de Mayo!  
                      What a happy holiday!

All day long we'll have a fiesta –  
We'll sing and clap our hands!  
We'll have piñatas and play maracas  
Like a mariachi band! (Chorus)  
At the Battle of Puebla  
In eighteen-hundred sixty-two  
Mexico fought for independence  
Viva Mexico! It's true! (Chorus)

Note! "Mexico did not fight for independence on the 5th of May. They did so on Sept. 16, which is when we celebrate that accomplishment.

La Batalla de Puebla on May 5th is commemorated because a small Mexican army defeated the French. In my class, we changed the line in the song from 'Mexico fought for independence' to 'Mexico fought the French soldiers.'" Consuelo Ojeda, Euclid Avenue ES, Los Angeles, CA