

**ancient**

Coming from, or belonging to, a time that was long ago.

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**burrito**

A Mexican dish that consists of a flour tortilla that is rolled or folded around a savoury filling (such as meat, beans, and cheese).

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**cactus**

A plant that grows in the desert and has many sharp points (called spines).

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**chilli**

A spicy dish made with ground beef, hot peppers or chilli powder, and usually beans.

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**civilisation**

A well-organised and developed society.

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**Day of the Dead (Día de los Muertos)**

A holiday celebrated throughout Mexico. People pray for and remember friends and family members who have died.

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**desert**

A waterless, desolate area of land with little or no vegetation, typically covered with sand.

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**fajita**

A Mexican food that consists of cooked strips of meat served with a flour tortilla and fillings (such as tomatoes, onions, and peppers).

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**guacamole**

A Mexican food made of mashed avocado usually mixed with chopped tomatoes and onion.

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**mariachi band**

Mariachi is a type of musical group, originally from Mexico, consisting of at least seven musicians.

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## Maya deity

A Mayan god.

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## Maya glyphs

The writing system of the Maya civilisation.

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## Maya stelae

Tall stone monuments made by the Maya civilisation.

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## Maya temple

A place of worship.

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## Mexico

A country in North America.

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## taco

A Mexican food that consists of a folded and usually fried piece of thin bread (called a tortilla) that is filled with meat, cheese and lettuce for example.

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## tortilla

A round, thin Mexican bread that is usually eaten hot with a filling of meat, cheese, and vegetables.

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