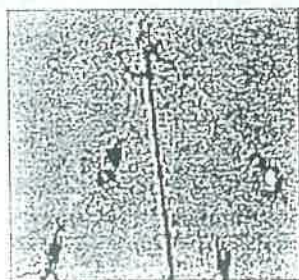


Fill in the Blanks

Key

Guadalupe	quesadilla	states	fifty-two	Spanish
Mexico City	coat of arms	zócalo	fifth	silver
federal republic	Pico de Orizaba	voladores	pollution	frescos
main square	Templo Mayor	peso	Paseo de la Reforma	
points on a compass				

Mexico is the fifth largest country in the Americas. Its capital city is Mexico City. The national flag is green, white and red with the coat of arms in the center. In every town you can find a zócalo which is the main square. Mexico's government today is a federal republic. Mexico is made up of 31 states and one federal district. The main language of Mexico is Spanish and the currency (money) is the peso. Mexico is one of the world's largest producers of silver. A major problem facing Mexico City is pollution. Mexico City is surrounded by mountains and volcanoes. One of the largest peaks is Pico de Orizaba. In Mexico City you can visit the ancient Aztec temple, Templo Mayor which was discovered by accident in 1978. You can also visit the Basilica of Guadalupe. One of the main avenues in Mexico City is Paseo de Reforma. A special act to see is the voladores which are four men who fly around a pole 52 times. The four men represent the four points on a compass. In Magdalena you can see frescos, large wall murals. For lunch try a quesadilla, a tortilla with cheese and sometimes chicken or beef.



True or False

Key

1. T Mexico City is the capital of Mexico.
2. F Mexico forms a link between Canada and the United States.
3. T The *Zócalo* is the main center square.
4. F Mexico is a ^{federal} democratic republic.
5. T The main language in Mexico is Spanish.
6. F *Templo Mayor* is an ancient ^{Aztec} Mayan temple.
7. T The *Basílica de Guadalupe* is a large Catholic church.
8. F *Paseo de la Reforma* is one of the largest ^{streets} buildings in Mexico.
9. T Mexico is one of the world's largest producers of silver.
10. T Mexico City is one of the ^{most} least populated cities in the world.
11. F *Voladores* are special carts to carry people thru the city.
12. F Mexico City is ~~high in the mountains of Mexico.~~ ^{in a large valley.}
13. T *Xochimilco* means "garden of flowers" in the Aztec language.
14. T *Trajineras* are flat-bottomed boats.
15. T *Mole poblano* is made with a chocolate sauce.
16. T The Mayan invented chocolate.
17. T *Mariachi* is a type of band.
18. T *Mariachi* players wear large-brimmed hats called *sombreros*.

