

Kids in Oaxaca work and play

As you move through this lesson, think about this question: **Are the kids of Oaxaca similar to or different from kids in the United States?**

The Kids of Oaxaca want to tell you about their chores and how they play. Just like in the United States, kids have chores. Their chores depend on where they live – in rural towns or cities. Most of the kids the Red Trunk Team met in Oaxaca were 10 years old. Listen as they tell you about their jobs.

“I usually wash my grandfather’s car, make my bed and clean the table.”

Roberto

“I wash the dishes at home. I help take care of my younger sister.”

Julia

“A chore I do in my house is grinding the meal from my chickens. I also take care of my rabbits, chickens, turkeys and my hen.”

Elvira

“My job to help out my family is weaving. I weave Oaxacan sleeping mats called petates. I started weaving when I was four and now I work a big loom with other children. My family sells petates on market day.”

Pedro

Do you have jobs around the house? What do you do to help your family?

Sports are important to kids in Oaxaca.

Alejandra and Luna like to swim.

Ricardo and Carol like gymnastics.

Dance of all kinds is very popular with the girls – ballet, modern and traditional dance.

Boys and girls both like basketball, baseball, and soccer.



Watch the Toys & Games video (password: **corn**): <https://vimeo.com/300520775>

The kids of Oaxaca want you to know that they also have technology. Many kids have cell phones and use apps like WhatsApp and Candy Crush.

Leonardo watches TV in his spare time. Some of the boys play video games like Clash Royale, Clash of Clans, and Grand Theft Auto 5. All of the children watch Disney movies like Beauty and the Beast, Rata-touille, and of course - Coco!

All of the kids have dreams of visiting faraway places: Brazil, Paris, Abu Dhabi, Africa and Mexico's neighbor – the United States!



The kids of Oaxaca enjoy many of the same games you play as you'll see in the video "Toys and Games." What is one new game you saw in the video? What is one you recognize?

Are the kids of Oaxaca similar or different or than kids in the United States? Use the notes you have taken from this lesson to answer this question by writing a response or drawing a picture.



Watch this 360-degree video exploring a city apartment in Oaxaca.
Be sure to move your cursor, phone, or tablet around to see everything!
(password: **corn**): <https://vimeo.com/453035067>

Cultural Scavenger Hunt

Playing games is one way we spend time with our friends. Alejandra and introduce you to the toys and games they share with their friends. How do you spend time with your friends?

Find and identify a game or toy you play with when you are together with a friend.

Name the object: _____

Explore the object. Use your senses of sight, touch, sound, smell or taste to discover how the object can have a similar purpose but look, feel, smell or taste different.

What do you observe? _____

Explain 3 ways the object has a similar purpose but appears to be different.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Don't forget! Before selecting your object, check with an adult to be sure your object is **SAFE** and **APPROPRIATE** to use.

I finished this lesson!

*If you'd like to learn more about the games the kids of Oaxaca play, go to the **Extended Activities** page.*