

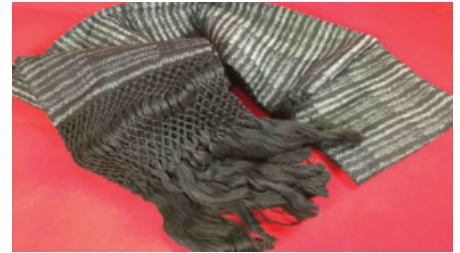
Clothing in Oaxaca

IMPORTANT WORDS TO KNOW:

FOLK DANCE: a traditional dance which is a custom of a particular people

The clothing worn in Oaxaca tells us many things about its people. Let's look at traditional everyday clothing worn mostly by people in the countryside and villages of Oaxaca.

Rebozo: shawl worn over the shoulders or head by women and many girls to keep them warm or carry children and other bundles



Delantal: Apron worn while cooking and doing daily chores



Blusa: Blouse with embroidered designs worn by girls and women.; each village has special patterns or colors which distinguish it from another



Huaraches: Leather sandals



Jorongo: "poncho" blanket-like pullover worn by boys and men

Traditional clothing worn for folk dances, festivals, and parades tell us about regional history and customs. Most of the clothing is made by women of the region.



Men always wear white. It stands for purity, cleanliness and elegance.



Kids have special fiesta clothes, too.



The special designs in these skirts show respect for old traditions.



Watch the Dancing video (password: **corn**): <https://vimeo.com/255784266>

Everyday clothing worn by kids in Oaxaca is just like yours.



School uniforms



A family picture



Young boys at a parade



“I pick out my clothes. My parents take me clothes shopping to a big store, where they have modern things. I also have a lot of traditional Oaxaca clothes. Sometimes the traditional clothes are bought at a store. And sometimes we get them from one of my mom’s friends who makes those types of clothes.”

Alejandra



“I have two types of clothes, modern and the traditional clothes they sell here in Oaxaca.”

Luna



“Most of my clothes are bought in the United States. Because I’m very tall we can’t find clothes for me in Oaxaca, and I don’t like the clothes that they have in my size. My aunt lives in the United States and she brings me clothes when she comes to visit. She normally brings new jeans, shirts, sweaters, and sometimes zapatos/shoes.”

Julia

What do you want the kids of Oaxaca to know about your clothes? What do you wear to school? What do you wear when you are playing? Do you ever wear special clothes on holidays?



Watch this 360-degree video of students performing a traditional Oaxaca dance! Be sure to move your cursor, phone, or tablet around to see everything! (password: **corn**): <https://vimeo.com/452916634>

Cultural Scavenger Hunt

The children of Oaxaca wear many of the same clothes we wear and some clothes that are different. Sometimes the clothes we wear are chosen because of climate or weather. Sometimes the clothing is used for a special occasion.

Find and identify a piece of clothing in your home.

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 want to learn more, check out the **Extension Activities**.*