

Welcome to Mexico!

What do you know about Mexico?

1. True or false?

- a) 6% of the population of Mexico is indigenous.
- b) 50% of the indigenous population of Mexico lives in poverty.
- c) 5 million people in Mexico speak indigenous languages.
- d) 42% of the people in Mexico live below the national poverty line.
- e) Catholicism is the main religion in Mexico.

2. Now read the texts and see if you were right.

A. Although electoral politics are well established in Mexico, one party, the PRI has been in power for 72 of the last 84 years. There is systematic abuse of human rights and civilians are the principal victims of police violence.

B. Spanish (104,000,000 million)
Indigenous languages (7,700,000 million)

C. Mexico is one of the most unequal countries in the world. The richest 10% of the population receives 26 times more the average income of the poorest 10%. The indigenous peoples are the most marginalized. In Mexico it is estimated that 75% of indigenous people live below the poverty line. Mexico is second on the OECD list of the ten countries in the world with the most unequal distribution of wealth.

D. Most people are *mestizo*. They have mixed indigenous and European ancestry. About 13% of the population is indigenous and they live mostly in Chiapas, Oaxaca, Yucatan and Mexico DF.

E. 112 million

F. 42% of the population lives in poverty. 9% lives in extreme poverty.

G. Christianity (mostly Catholic but evangelism is growing)
Syncretic beliefs (mix of indigenous with Catholic)

3. Match the titles with the information.

- 1. Population
- 2. Main languages
- 3. Main religions
- 4. People
- 5. Poverty
- 6. Inequality
- 7. Human rights