

So Many Kinds of Food!

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Lisa and her mom were walking home from school. Lisa loved her town. She liked the parks and the lake and the busy streets. Most of all, she liked to try different kinds of foods.

Her town had so many kinds of restaurants! Lisa loved eating pizza at Mr. Sereno's shop.

"Mr. Sereno came to our town from Italy," her mom told Lisa.

She liked eating dumplings at Mr. Lin's Chinese restaurant. Mr. Lin was from China.

She liked to visit her friend José at his parents' Mexican restaurant. José's parent were from Mexico.

"Mom," she asked as they walked home, "can we buy tacos for dinner?"

"Good idea!" her mom said.

Mexico

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Definition

noun

1. a country in North America south of the United States. Mexico City is the capital of Mexico.

Spanish cognate

México: The Spanish word *México* means Mexico.

These are some examples of how the word or forms of the word are used:

1. In **Mexico**, a child breaks open a piñata. Everyone shares the candies inside.
2. The people who are now moving to the United States come from nearly every country in the world. However, most of them come from **Mexico**, China, India, Korea, the Dominican Republic, and El Salvador. All those countries are located south of the United States or in Asia.
3. The forest floor is very dark and wet. Few plants grow on the floor. Many large animals live in this part of the rain forest, such as jaguars. Jaguars are wild cats that live in the rain forests in **Mexico**, which is a country in Central America.
4. All of this produce comes from farms. Sometimes those farms are very far away. Many of the grapes sold in the United States are grown in South America. The lettuce could be grown in **Mexico**. Trucks, ships and planes bring food from all over the world to a grocery store near you.
5. Hurricane Jimena hit **Mexico** in September of that year. Hurricane season lasts from June 1 to November 30.

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1. What does Lisa like most about her town?

- A. walking through the busy streets
- B. playing at the parks and the lake
- C. trying different kinds of food

2. Who are the main characters in this story?

- A. Mr. Sereno and Mr. Lin
- B. Lisa and her mom
- C. Lisa, her mom, Mr. Sereno, and Mr. Lin

3. Lisa's town has restaurants owned by people from Italy, China, and Mexico. What does this tell us about the people who live in Lisa's town?

- A. They moved to Lisa's town from all over the world.
- B. Many of them do not speak English.
- C. They were all born in America.

4. What is "So Many Kinds of Food!" mainly about?

- A. Lisa's favorite food
- B. why Lisa likes her town
- C. food in Lisa's town that Lisa likes

5. Where is Mr. Sereno from?

6. What did you learn from "So Many Kinds of Food!"?

7. Class Discussion Question: Discuss why having people from all over the world makes Lisa's town a great place to live.

8. Draw a picture of Lisa eating at Mr. Sereno's shop.