



Musicfest Mariachi!

POST-PERFORMANCE CLASSROOM WORKSHEET

Grades 3-5

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True

False

2. Mariachi is the _____ music of Mexico.

a) folk

b) best

c) newest

3. What does *armonia* mean? _____

4. What does *bajo* mean? _____

5. What does “vibrato” mean? _____

6. The vihuela looks like what other instrument? _____

7. The violin can be played with a _____, that is a long stick, used to pull against the violin strings.

8. What is one of the two main types of songs in mariachi music? _____

9. What does *la bruja* mean? _____

10. What is the name of the traditional hat worn with the mariachi suit? (in Spanish):

11. Can you name another piece of traditional mariachi clothing? _____

Drawing Activity: Can you draw one of the instruments shown in the performance? Name it in Spanish, explain the sounds it makes, and if it is used for *armonia* or *bajo*.



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4. What does *bajo* mean? **Bass.**

5. What does “vibrato” mean? **Vibrate.**

6. The vihuela looks like what other instrument? **Guitar.**

7. The violin can be played with a **bow**, that is a long stick, used to pull against the violin strings.

8. What is one of the two main types of songs in mariachi music? **Son.**

Also acceptable: ranchera

9. What does *la bruja* mean? **The witch.**

10. What is the name of the traditional hat worn with the mariachi suit?
(in Spanish): **Sombrero.**

11. Can you name another piece of traditional mariachi clothing?

Acceptable: cachirulo, camisa, cinto pitiado, falda, botin(es), botonadura.