

## **English Language Development - May 18th- May22**

1. We will have a Google Meet meeting on Wednesday, May 20th at 1:00pm. The invite will be sent to your school email. To join the meeting, please click on the link in your email. Explain why cultural festivals might be important to a community.
  - a. What are some ways immigrants can experience their cultures in their new communities?
3. Read the “Practice phrasing: “Immigrants Today” page out loud at least 2-3 times. Then, read it out loud to someone in your family. Have a goal of reading it until you are mistake free.

## Festivals and Holidays

Festivals and holidays are important to most immigrants. They are a way for people to celebrate their cultural traditions. People eat traditional foods, hear familiar music, and display or buy **handicrafts**. Also, people from other cultures can come to enjoy new sights, sounds, and tastes.

Mexican Americans celebrate *Cinco de Mayo* (May 5). This holiday **marks** an important victory of the Mexican Army in 1862. Many Asian Americans celebrate

the Chinese New Year with special food and fireworks.

Some festivals are small. A town might **close off a block** for a street festival. Sometimes, these small festivals grow. They become large and well known. Sometimes, people travel long distances to go to them. For example, Boston has a Caribbean festival. It has been held every year since 1973.

▼ Celebrating Cinco de Mayo with music and dancing



### Look Into the Text

**In Other Words**  
**handicrafts** handmade items or crafts  
**marks** celebrates  
**close off a block** close part of a street

1. **Summarize** Briefly tell some of the ways that **immigrants preserve** their cultures in their new countries.
2. **Inference** Tell why cultural festivals might be important to a **community**.

## Music and Movies

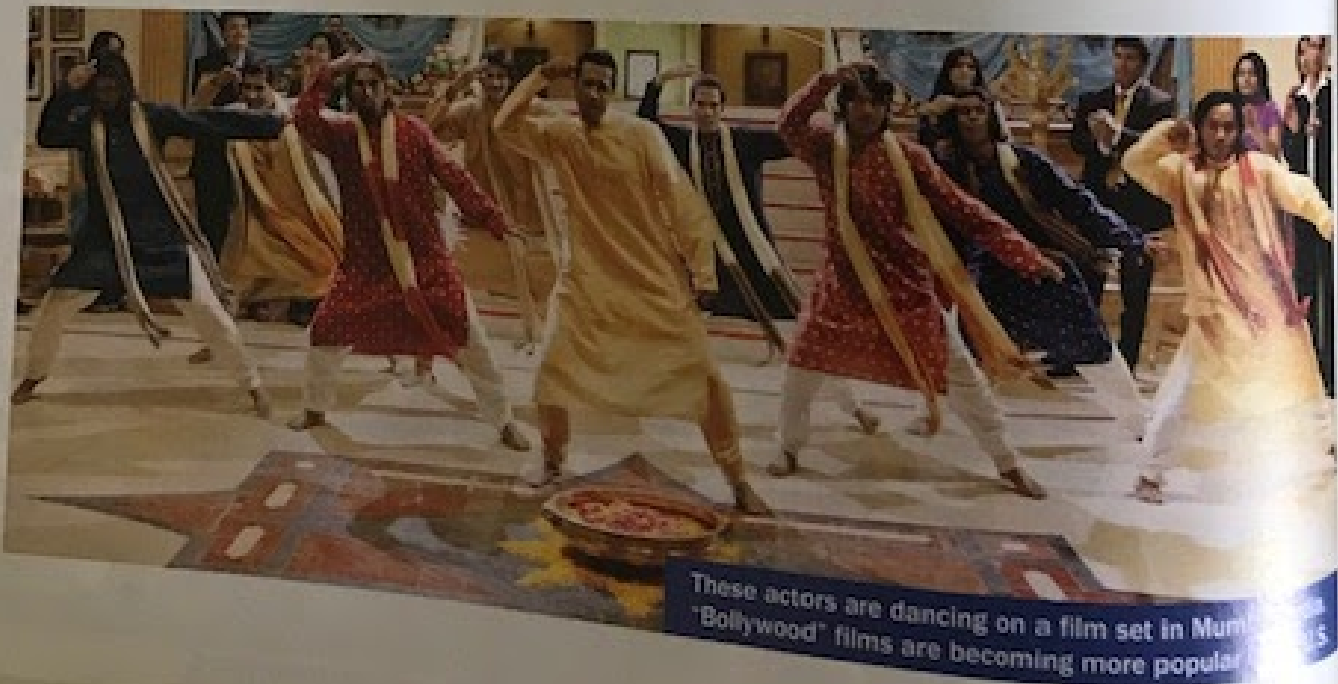
Music and movies are two ways for immigrants to share their cultures among themselves and with others. Ethnic neighborhoods often have music stores. They sell music that is popular in immigrants' homelands. In cities, large music stores **carry** music from many different countries. Also, people can order music through the mail.

Some large immigrant groups have radio stations that play music from their homelands. Radio stations in many states play Hispanic music. There is a Vietnamese radio station in California. Radio stations in New York and Chicago play music from different countries. Some radio stations

also **broadcast** over the Internet. People can listen to the music of their homelands online. Immigrants also enjoy the music of their countries by playing in or going to concerts.

In addition to radio, Spanish-speaking immigrants can watch many Spanish-language television programs. These include newscasts, game shows, **soap operas**, and other kinds of programs.

In some cities, it is possible for immigrants to see films made in their homelands. They can often rent these films. Or, they might see movies at film festivals that show Indian, African, Cuban, or Mexican films.



In Other Words  
carry sell  
broad-

## Newspapers and Magazines

Stores in ethnic communities often sell **foreign** newspapers or magazines. Immigrants like to **keep in touch with** what is happening in their former homelands. They can read about politics or sports teams. They can **keep track of the latest music craze**, or see what movies are popular.

Many ethnic groups have their own **local** newspapers. There are more than 100 Hispanic newspapers in the United States. Some cities have Chinese-language newspapers. These newspapers report about community matters and other important events. They also carry news from their home countries. Some magazines appeal to specific ethnic groups. For example, *Filipinas* is a monthly magazine for people from the Philippines. *Hispanic Magazine* carries features of interest to Hispanics. Several popular magazines, such as *People*, are published in Spanish as well as in English.

One magazine directed to all immigrants is *Immigration Times*. It provides practical advice about living in the United States. It also contains articles about immigrant communities. Today, immigrants can find a **wealth** of information to help them learn about their new country. ❖



### Key Vocabulary

**foreign** *adj.*, from another country

**local** *adj.*, relating only

### In Other Words

**keep in touch with** know  
**keep track of the latest music craze** learn about popular music  
**a wealth** a lot

### Look Into the Text

1. **Conclusion** Why do people read news from their home countries?
2. **Summarize** What are some ways **immigrants** can experience their cultures in their new **communities**?

### **Practice Phrasing: "Immigrants Today"**

Phrasing is how you use your voice to group words together. Use this passage to practice reading with proper phrasing. Print a copy of this passage from [myNGconnect.com](http://myNGconnect.com) to help you monitor your progress.

The reasons that cause people to come to the United States are as varied and unique as the people who come here. Sometimes, people are forced to escape their countries. They are afraid of what might happen to them because of their races or religions. They are afraid they will be punished for their political beliefs. Refugees come to the United States in order to live their lives free from these types of prejudice and abuse.

Others come to the United States to escape poverty in their home countries. In the United States, people can find jobs that are not available in their home countries. They can also find jobs that pay them more money. Many immigrants seek to improve the quality of their lives, and their children's futures, too. They leave family, friends, and homes because they want more educational opportunities for themselves and their children.

From "Immigrants Today," page 204