

Sunny Mexico Answer Key

1. She smelled fresh tortillas cooking.
2. She tried tacos with chicken, vegetables, and salsa.
3. They played guitars and trumpets.
4. The pyramid was called El Castillo.
5. The Maya people built it.
6. Answers may include: saw clear blue water, collected seashells, walked on warm sand, saw tiny crabs.
7. Answers may include: the food, the music, visiting the pyramid, going to the beach.

Teacher's Guide

- Read the passage aloud first for early readers, then have students follow along.
- Encourage students to underline **key details** as they read.
- Pair students to discuss answers before writing.

Differentiation Tips

- For students who need support, provide a word bank with terms like tortillas, guitars, El Castillo, Maya, beach.
- Allow advanced students to write a short paragraph about a place they would like to visit in Mexico.
- Offer sentence starters for emerging writers: "Lena saw...", "Lena heard...", "Lena felt..."

Engagement Ideas

- Play short clips of traditional Mexican music after the worksheet.
- Show photos of Chichen Itza, Mexican plazas, or beaches to build background knowledge.
- Ask students to share foods they have tried that are common in Mexico.