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Words & Phrases

MEXICO

Spanish is the official language of Mexico. Below are some Christmas words and phrases in Spanish.

ENGLISH	SPANISH
Merry Christmas!	¡Feliz Navidad! (fay-LEES nah-vee-DAHD)
Christmas Eve	nochebuena (NOH-chay BWAY-nah)
Christmas tree	árbol de navidad (AHR-bohl day nah-vee-DAHD)
gift	regalo (ray-GAH-loh)
the Three Kings	los Reyes Magos (lohs RAY-ehs MAH-gos)
a manger (crib)	un pesebre (oon pay-SAY-bray)
the Baby Jesus	el niño Jesús (el NEE-nyoh hay-SOOS)
shepherds	los pastores (lohs pah-STO-rays)
angels	los ángeles (lohs AHN-hay-lays)
a Christmas wreath	un ramo de navidad (oon RAH-moh day nah-vee-DAHD)
mistletoe	el muérdago (el moo-AIR-dah-goh)
holly	el acebo (el ah-SAY-boh)
poinsettia	flor de navidad (flor day nah-vee-DAHD)
Christmas decorations	adornos de navidad (ah-DOHR-nohs day nah-vee-DAHD)
Christmas dinner	la comida de navidad (lah coh-MEE-dah day nah-vee-DAHD)

Children's Games

You'll find many similarities among the games of different countries. No matter where they're from, children enjoy the same types of games.

Sol y Hielo (Sun & Ice)

This game is much like the U.S. game of Freeze Tag.

Players form two teams. Players from each team try to touch players from the opposite team. When a player touches someone, he says, "Hielo" (YAY-loh). That person must stand completely still until a member of his own team touches him and says "Sol" (sohl). Then he is free to run again.

Gallinita Ciega (The Blind Hen)

One person (the "hen") is blindfolded. He/she must catch someone and then say what that person's name is. If the blind hen is right, that person becomes the new blind hen. If not, the game continues.