

Nuestro Mundo, Mi Identidad

Our Earth, My Identity

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Caged Bird

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*A free bird leaps
on the back of the wind
and floats downstream
till the current ends
and dips his wing
in the orange sun rays
and dares to claim the sky.*

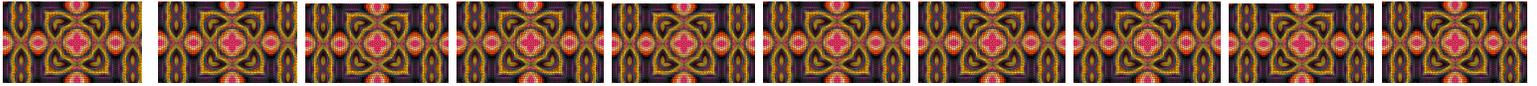
*But a bird that stalks
down his narrow cage
can seldom see through
his bars of rage
his wings are clipped and
his feet are tied
so he opens his throat to sing.*

*The caged bird sings
with a fearful trill
of things unknown
but longed for still
and his tune is heard
on the distant hill
for the caged bird
sings of freedom.*

*The free bird thinks of another breeze
and the trade winds soft through the sighing trees
and the fat worms waiting on a dawn bright lawn
and he names the sky his own*

*But a caged bird stands on the grave of dreams
his shadow shouts on a nightmare scream
his wings are clipped and his feet are tied
so he opens his throat to sing.*

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Guiding Questions:	What you will learn:	What you will do:
<p>Where is Spanish spoken? How do I show grace and courtesy towards others from the target culture? Who am I? How does what I do define who I am? How does my school schedule differ from other schools in the world?</p>	<p>A mixture of familiar words and phrases, simple sentences, and questions to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify some basic facts in conversations when supported by gestures or visuals • Request and provide information • Express preferences or feelings and react to those of others • Express likes and dislikes 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Practice interacting with others from Spanish-speaking countries 2. Learn what the flags symbolize to each country 3. Read a calendar and school schedule from the target culture 4. Communicate about your identity and daily life in Spanish

La Tierra. Earth. Our earth is a world unlike any other. It is the third planet from the sun. Like all the planets in our solar system, Earth travels around the sun. It's name comes from the old English and Germanic words meaning 'the ground.' In Spanish, Earth is "la Tierra." Look outside. I invite you to point out "la tierra" because it too references *the ground* from which many lifeforms grow.

Earth has a natural satellite, the moon. The moon is our constant companion. It's in synchronous rotation with the Earth. The Moon makes Earth a more livable planet by moderating our home planet's wobble on its axis, leading to a relatively stable climate. It also causes tides, creating a rhythm that has guided humans for thousands of years.

Around 180 million years ago, all the continents on Earth were actually one huge "supercontinent" surrounded by one enormous ocean. This gigantic continent, called Pangaea, slowly broke apart and spread out to form the continents we know today. Believe it or not, the continents have come together and spread apart at least three times before.

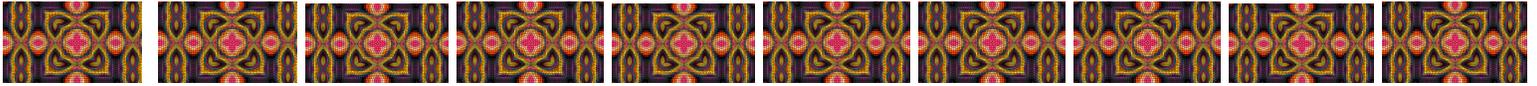
Earth is the only place in the known universe to support life. Every living thing has a job to do to contribute to life on Earth. Scientists have estimated that there are around 8,700,000 species of plants and animals in existence. However, only around 1,200,000 species have been identified and described so far, most of which are insects. Currently, there are over 7,800,000,000 humans on Earth.

Human beings have always used language, pictures and symbols to communicate with each other. From grunts and hand gestures to the advent of the written alphabet and ultimately, the printing press, man has always sought ways to create a written record of what he sees and how he feels.

In 2021, the United Nations recognizes 195 countries in the world. Amongst the inhabitants of these countries, over 6,000 languages are spoken.

Have you ever thought about expressing yourself in languages different from your own? Have you ever wondered what all happens in one day on Earth? There are 86,400 seconds each day. That's eighty six thousand four hundred seconds that pass by each day in which simultaneous activity takes place all over our planet. What all is spoken? What all goes on? Is it similar? Is it different?

During this cycle, you will begin to understand the importance of learning about other cultures and languages than your own. You will gain perspective and a deeper connection to the world around you. As we explore a new language and culture, we naturally draw comparisons to what is most familiar. Learning about another culture sheds light on aspects of our own culture—both positive and negative—we may not have previously considered. You may find a greater appreciation for what you have, or you may decide to shake things up!



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A civilization is a complex human society, usually made up of different cities, with certain characteristics of cultural and technological development. In many parts of the world, early civilizations formed when people began coming together in urban settlements. However, defining what civilization is, and what societies fall under that designation, is a hotly contested argument, even among today's anthropologists.