

Cinco de Mayo

3rd – 5th Grade: Did you know? Cindo de Mayo is to celebrate a major victory in Mexico's history? French Emperor Napoleon III wanted to claim Mexico for himself. The French sent troops to force Mexico's President Benito Juárez and the government out of Veracruz. On May 5, 1862, in a small town in east-central Mexico called Puebla, 2,000 Mexican soldiers faced 6,000 French troops at daybreak. Incredibly, Mexico claimed victory by the evening, and Juárez declared May 5 a national holiday – leading to the first celebration of Cinco de Mayo. Today in the U.S. people celebrate with festivities with family and friends and eating Mexican food. Table 1 provides a list of ingredients for guacamole.

Table 1: Guacamole Ingredients (4 servings)

Ingredient	Amount Needed
Avocados	3 whole
Yellow onion	$\frac{1}{2}$ of a whole onion
Fresh cilantro	3 tablespoons
Jalapeno pepper	1
Garlic	2 cloves (minced)
Lime juice	1 full lime
Sea salt	$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon

1. How many avocados are needed to make 12 servings of guacamole? Use words and numbers to support your answer.

2. Maria has cut up 21 avocados. Pedro claims they need 6 whole onions. Do you agree or disagree with Pedro's claim? Use words and numbers to support your decision.

3. Sonya mistakenly measured 3 teaspoons of salt rather than 3 tablespoons of cilantro. Help Sonya correct her mistake. Conversion: 1 tablespoon = 3 teaspoons, how much more salt is needed to make 15 servings of guacamole? Use words and numbers to support your answer.
