



## Mexico Quiz: Answers

**1. What is the language most commonly spoken in Mexico?**

Spanish (there is no 'official language').

**2. What was the population of Mexico to the nearest ten million on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009? And for an extra point, where does it rank in terms of countries by population size?**

107,550,697 million. 11<sup>th</sup> with 1.58% of the world's population (New Zealand has 0.064% of the world's population).

**3. Where does Mexico's rank in terms of global oil and gas production?**

Seventh. (1. Saudi Arabia, 2. Russia, 3. USA, 4. Iran, 5. China, 6. Canada.)

**4. In what year did the North American Free Trade Agreement (Nafta) come into force?**

1994 (1<sup>st</sup> January) between Canada, US and Mexico.

**5. Which two countries form Mexico's southern land border (one point for each)?**

Guatemala and Belize.

**6. What are the top two most popular spectator sports in Mexico's?**

Soccer followed by boxing.

**7. In what year were the Summer Olympic Games held in Mexico? (and for an extra point) what was the most memorable image of the games?**

1968. Black Power salute given on the podium for the 200 metres by the winner Tommie Smith and the third placed John Carlos. Second-placed Australian Peter Norman wore an Olympic Project for Human Rights badge in support. Smith and Carlos were banned from the Olympics for life, and Norman was left out of the 1972 Olympic Team despite holding the Australian record for the 200 metres which stands to this day.

**8. What would you be eating if your order 'mole' in a Mexican restaurant?**

Any of a wide variety of complex sauces (as in '*guacamole*'). The most popular is '*mole poblano*' served over chicken.

**9. What were the last two great civilizations of Mexico called before the Spanish conquest? (One point for each).?**

Mayan and Aztec.

**10. How many states make up the United Mexican States (which is the official name for Mexico)?**

Thirty-one (31) sovereign states plus a Federal District (Mexico City – the capital).

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