



Hispanic Heritage Month is a time of year to celebrate the rich and diverse cultures of the Spanish-speaking world. This special month provides an excellent opportunity to honor the independence days of various Spanish-speaking countries and explore their fascinating traditions, histories, and contributions.

Here are some engaging activities to help you celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month in your Spanish classes:

## **1. Why Learn Spanish? Share Compelling Reasons**

Kick off the celebration by discussing the benefits of learning Spanish. Highlight how knowing Spanish can open doors to new cultures, enhance communication skills, and provide career opportunities. This discussion can inspire and motivate your students.

## **2. Invite Guest Speakers**

Bring in guest speakers to share their experiences and perspectives. This is especially valuable for beginners, as hearing a sympathetic speaker who speaks slowly and clearly can help build their confidence in understanding and using the

language.

Guest speakers—whether in person or virtually via platforms like italki—provide authentic input and give students the chance to interact with native speakers outside their immediate circle. This activity supports all of ACTFL’s 5 Cs:

- **Cultures:** Explore products, practices, and perspectives.
- **Communication:** Build communication skills, which are central to language learning.
- **Connections:** Tie the language to other subjects and themes being studied.
- **Comparisons:** Reflect on similarities and differences between cultures and languages.
- **Communities:** Use the language outside the classroom in meaningful ways.

### 3. At the Table: Immersive Culinary Experiences

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by bringing food and culture into the classroom. Food is a wonderful way to connect students to the target culture. Here are a few options:

- **Bring a Dish:** Share a dish from a Spanish-speaking country with your class.
- **Cooking Lessons:** Create an immersive cooking lesson in the target language. Plan and purchase materials, then guide students through making a dish as they follow instructions in Spanish.
- **Student Contributions:** Have students bring dishes from home to share, or organize a potluck where students can showcase their cultural research.
- **Community Support:** Collaborate with parents or local organizations to fund and prepare meals for an immersive culinary experience.
- **Class Lunches:** Invite students to bring their lunch to your classroom instead of the lunchroom. Use this time for target-language conversation and cultural immersion.

### 4. Explore Resources for Hispanic Heritage Month

Combine teaching Spanish with exploring Hispanic Heritage Month by integrating additional resources. Check out books, articles, videos, and online tools that focus on the traditions, history, and culture of Spanish-speaking countries.

For more ideas and activities, visit resources like [Language at the Table](#).

## Final Thoughts

Hispanic Heritage Month is a wonderful time to celebrate and honor the rich cultures of the Spanish-speaking world while inspiring your students to deepen their connection to the language. By incorporating these activities, you'll foster cultural appreciation, language fluency, and a sense of global community in your classroom.

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Want some great activities to keep them engaged?

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