

# Adela's Mariachi Band

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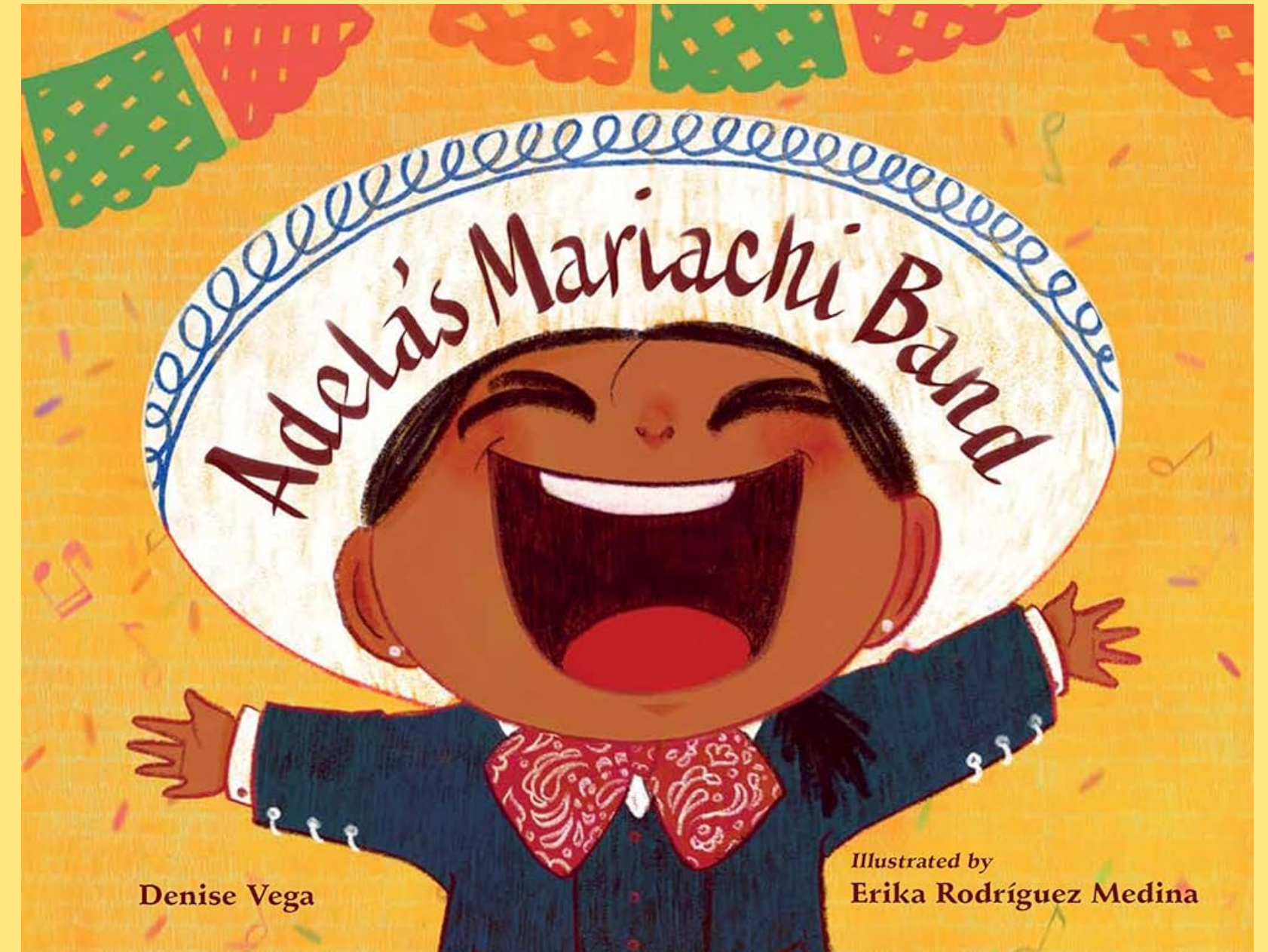
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## Mariachi Vocab Match

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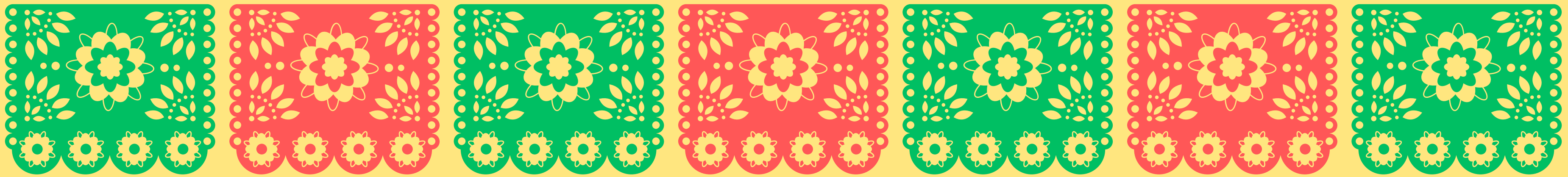
# Grade and Colorado Academic Standard

Grade: Kindergarten

Content Area: Reading, Writing, and Communicating

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| <b>Standard</b>                | #1: Oral Expression and Listening                                                                         |
| <b>Grade Level Expectation</b> | Communicate using verbal and nonverbal language                                                           |
| <b>Evidence Outcome</b>        | Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts. |

Colorado Academic Standard information retrieved from <https://www.cde.state.co.us/apps/standards>  
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# Activity Overview

Students will go through whole-class and individual activities to gain knowledge of the Spanish vocabulary words featured in *Adela's Mariachi Band*, to learn about Mexican culture. First, the class will say and discuss the words all together. Next, the students will work in groups to match the words to pictures. At the end, students will pick their favorite word to write and draw on their own.



# Materials

- Pencils
- Markers
- Blank Paper
- Vocab Matching Cards (will need to be printed cut in advance)
- Video of a Mariachi Band and Los Gritos
- Photos of the other vocab words to show as example (Tía, Tío, La Trompeta)
- Book: *Adela's Mariachi Band*

**Trumpet**

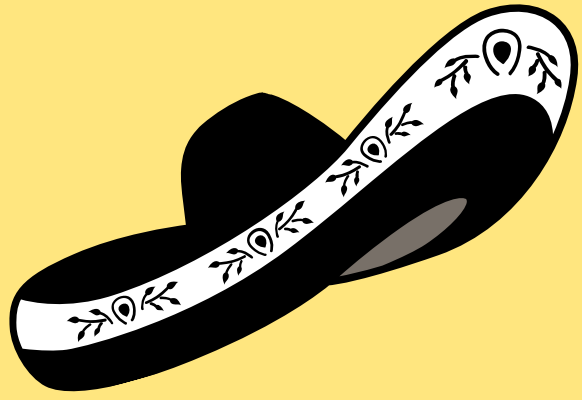


**La Trompeta**

**Shouts**



**Los Gritos**



# Step by Step Directions



## 1) Go through vocabulary words

- Mariachi Band, Tía, Tío, La Trompeta, Los Gritos
- Say the word, and have them echo back to you.
- Describe the meaning and have them associate the word with a picture/action/video.

## 2) Class read aloud

- As you read, have the students do silent “sparkle fingers” whenever they see a vocabulary word they remember.

## 3) Break into small groups (number will vary based on classroom size)

- Have students match the picture and Spanish word with the vocabulary word in English.
- Have teacher go around and check their “match-ups”.

## 4) Have them do individual work at desks

- Have students write out their favorite word and draw a picture of it on blank paper.



# Additional Suggestions: Bilingual Learners

Use this lesson as an opportunity for bilingual and multicultural students to share their experiences with their family's culture and speaking another language.

1. Explain to students how some peers in their class speak other languages and come from other cultures.
2. Allow these students to share (if they choose) parts of their family and home life that connect to their culture.
3. Ask questions such as
  - “Do you speak another language at home?”
  - “Are there certain traditions your whole family enjoys?”

This helps show students that your classroom is a space where they can feel comfortable sharing all parts of their identity with you and their peers.



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