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THINK ABOUT A DISH THAT IS POPULAR IN YOUR COUNTRY. WHY DO YOU THINK IT IS POPULAR? WHAT ARE THE INGREDIENTS?

Have Ss read the task and answer the questions. Then elicit their answers in class.



Have Ss skim the text again and answer the question. Then check the answers in class.

READ ALBA'S E-MAIL.

WHAT DOES HER FAMILY EAT ON MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY?

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C Read the email again. Complete the chart with details from the email.

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mangos	
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A Read the Writing Skill.

B Look at these two sentences from the email in 1B. Look at the sentence openings and structures. Notice the differences.

And there's the food.

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DESCRIBE THE FOODS THAT ARE SERVED ON YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY

Create breakout rooms and have the Ss do the task.

Read the directions aloud. Then have Ss complete the task as homework.

Write an email about the foods that are served on your favorite holiday. Use your ideas from 3A to help you. Remember to use a variety of sentences when you write. Use the email in 1B as a model.

Check your
- spelling
- punctuation
- capitalization