

for children

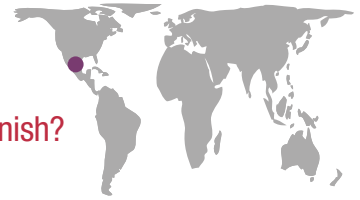
# hello

## MEXICO

How do you greet someone in Spanish?

# hola

(Say OH-lah)



**My name is Abdiel Parra Valenzuela.**

**Age: 13**

**Lives in: Nogales, Mexico**

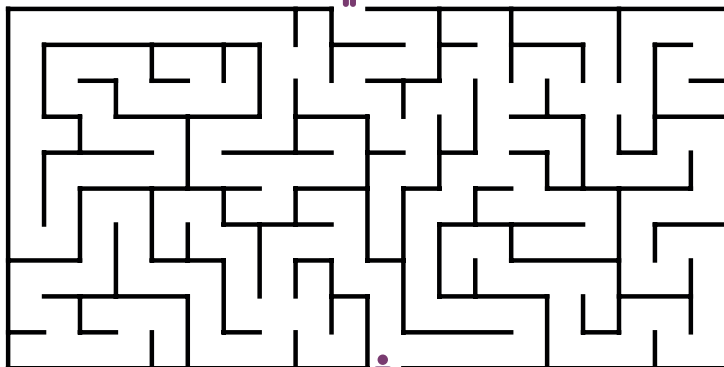
I live with my mom, dad, two younger brothers, one younger sister, an aunt and all my pets. I have five dogs, one cat and two rabbits. I like animals a lot.

I get up at 6 in the morning to have breakfast, get ready and go to school. When I get there, I play soccer and basketball with my friends. Then classes start at 7 and last until 1:30 in the afternoon. We study Spanish, math, English, science and geography. In geography, we look at maps, and they teach us about countries that we haven't seen.

After school, I have lunch and do my homework. Some afternoons, I volunteer in a veterinary clinic. When we took one of our dogs to the clinic, I liked how they were helping the animals. I clean the cages and give water and food to the animals. I've learned how to give medicines too. My favorite part is caring for the hamsters. They're pretty.

### Learning about peace

In Nogales, Mexico, MCC helps teach peacebuilding to adults and children. One big lesson is that peace can mean trying and trying to find new ways to solve a conflict. Sometimes, it's kind of like walking through a maze.



**My favorite food: beans with flour tortillas**

**My favorite subject: geography**

**What I want to be: veterinarian**



Abdiel enjoys taking care of his dogs and rabbits as well as riding his bike.

