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THIS IS COMMUNICATION

As teacher of foreign languages for corporate clients, Zara and her colleagues at: Workplace Languages help close communication gaps because; the Spanish-speaking population is the largest ethnic group in the U.S., they've been called on to help managers reach out to this largely untapped source of new clients/customers and also new employees. The language skills not only help businesses to grow but also have lessened workplace stress, increased productivity, and helped workers feel more respected and motivated.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Independence Day VIETNAM 6 Somhlolo SWAZILAND 7 Independence Day BRAZIL, ★ Labor Day U.S., Labour Day CANADA 8 International Literacy Day U.N. 11 Enkutatash COPTIC AND ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN, Patriot Day U.S. 13 Grandparents' Day U.S. 14 National Boss/Employee Exchange Day U.S. 15★♥Hispanic Heritage Month begins U.S., Independence Day CENTRAL AMERICA ✓ Lailat ul-Qadr (sundown) ISLAMIC 16 Fiesta Patrias MEXICO, ✓♥ Lailat u-Qadr ISLAMIC 17 Citizenship Day U.S. 18 Independence Day CHILE, ✓ Rosh Hashanah (sundown) JEWISH | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19 ★Oktoberfest GERMANY, ✓★Rosh Hashanah JEWISH 20✓ Eid al-Fitr (sundown) ISLAMIC ★National Deaf Awareness Week U.S. 21 ✓★Eid al-Fitr ISLAMIC, Independence Day ARMENIA, International Day of Peace U.N., Keiro-no- HI JAPAN 22 Equinox INTERNATIONAL, Mabon CELTIC, PAGAN 24 Heritage Day SOUTH AFRICA, Our Lady of Las Mercedes Day, DOMINCAN REPUBLIC, PERU 27✓♥Maskal ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX CHRISIAN, Yom Kippur (sundown) JEWISH 28 Confucius's Birthday, CHINA, TAIWAN ✓♥Yom Kippur JEWISH 30 Botswana Day BOTSWANA |
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- ✓ Scheduled Consideration
- ★ U.S. Federal Holiday
- ♥ Dietary Consideration
- ★ Multiple Days

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

In 1968, Congress first designated the week including September 15 and 16 as National Hispanic Heritage week. This week was chosen because of two historical events: Independence Day (September 16), which commemorates the beginning of the struggle against Spanish control in 1810. In 1988, Congress expanded the week to a full 31-day period beginning September 15.

