



Notas Culturales

- ❖ Most students will be familiar with the idea of a "plaza" or *zócalo* from Level II, but you should review the concept with them. Basically it is a town square. Many events are held in plazas and it is a common place for people to meet.
- ❖ Talk about the difference between *un supermercado* y *un mercado* (an open air market.) Chichicastenango is one of the largest and most famous markets in Latin America. It is located in Guatemala and vendors from all over the country come to sell their goods. They sell anything from animals to blouses. (Complete the worksheet with your students after explaining this.)
- ❖ When shopping, it is customary to bargain for a lower price. Everyone always wants *una ganga!* (a bargain.) Complete the activity-El Mercado with your students after talking about this.
- ❖ *El cine* is a movie theater and *el teatro* is traditionally a theater where a play is seen. *El cine* is never pluralized even though we say "the movies" in English. American movies are very popular in Mexico. Typically they are shown in English with Spanish subtitles. Mexicans eat popcorn at the movies like we do, but they often top it off with hot sauce instead of butter!