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Where did Flor first see Miranda and Los Reyes in June?	At the Kern County Fair	1
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What does flor mean?	flower	50
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How much did the games manager, Joe Ochoa, pay the kids to walk around the midway with big stuffed animals?	Five dollars a day	60
What did Flor carry around the midway for two Saturdays for \$5 each day so she could help with Lexanne's graduation present?	A stuffed green alligator	61
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Which kind of churro did Flor say were the best?	The cream filled ones	72

What did Flor teach Miranda to call farm animal food?	fee	73
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Why wasn't Miranda bothered by how spicy the Cajun ranch on the nachos was?	She was used to eating hot salsa	78
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What did Miranda tell Flor about the food they ate where they performed?	They always got the leftovers at the end of the event.	80
What kind of Mexican soup has onions, carrots, and meatballs in broth?	albondigas	80
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What kind of force makes people stick to the walls in rides like the Gravitron?	Centrifugal force	82
What did Miranda tell Flor she missed?	Going to school and knowing everyone.	84
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What did Deb do before she joined the carnival?	She was a professional volleyball player.	85
Who was the ride operator for the Gravitron	Marcus	86

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What did the Gravitron ride operator, Marcus, teach Flor and Mikey?	How to play guitar	86
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What colors are Dominique chickens?	Black and white	95
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Why do people put oil on a rooster's comb?	To make it shiny	96
What does Buena Suerte mean?	Good luck	97
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Why did the kids at Flor's school say she was weird?	She always talked about animals	98
What does lo siento mean?	I'm sorry	98
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What kind of uniform did the kids who brought animals to compete wear?	White shirt and green scarf	99
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What colors are Holstein cows?	Black and white	99

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Why was Christopher Joseph crying, even though his rabbit set a record for the highest bid in Dinuba?	His rabbit wasn't his anymore.	104

Why didn't some kids name their animals that they were showing and auctioning at the show?	They didn't want to get attached because they knew they were going to have to give them away.	104
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Why was Mr. Forrest going to take Betabel away?	To socialize her and put her with other pigs.	126
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