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n.

1. A celebration of the fifteenth birthday of a Hispanic or Latina girl, typically including a Roman Catholic Mass and often serving as a social debut.
2. The girl whose birthday is celebrated at a quinceañera.

[American Spanish, from Spanish, feminine of *quinceaño*, fifteen years old : *quince*, fifteen (from Latin *quīndecim*; see **penk^we** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)) + *año*, year (from Latin *annus*; see **at-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)) + *-ero*, adj. suff. (from Latin *-ārius*).]

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