

What is it like to live in Mexico?**What should I already know?**

- The town I live in is called Bognor Regis, which is in West Sussex.
- West Sussex is in England, which is a country.
- England, which is in the United Kingdom, is in the continent of Europe.
- The seven continents (including North and South America) and five oceans.
- Features of regions that lie on and between the tropics. The human and physical characteristics of Italy.

To help me answer the BIG questions I will learn the following words....

Word	Definition
architecture	<i>Planning, designing, and constructing buildings.</i>
canyon	<i>A long, narrow valley with very steep sides</i>
climate	<i>The general weather conditions that are typical of a place</i>
elevation	<i>The elevation of a place is its height above sea level</i>
equator	<i>An imaginary line around the middle of the Earth at an equal distance from the North Pole and the South Pole.</i>
export	<i>Goods that are sold to other countries</i>
fertile	<i>Rich in nutrients to support the growth of many plants</i>
migration	<i>Movement from one place to another in order to settle there</i>
peninsula	<i>A piece of land almost surrounded by water</i>
topographical	<i>The arrangement of the physical features of an area.</i>
tourist	<i>A person who is visiting a place for pleasure and interest, especially when they are on holiday</i>
trade	<i>The activity of buying, selling or exchanging goods and services</i>
tropics	<i>Parts of the world that lie between two lines of latitude, the Tropic of Cancer, 23½° north of the equator, and the Tropic of Capricorn, 23½° south of the equator. The tropics have a humid climate, where the weather is hot and damp.</i>

To help me answer the BIG question I will be learning...

- ✓ Use aerial photographs to compare West Sussex in the UK and Mexico in Central America. What is the same? What is different?
- ✓ Identify and describe how the physical features affect the human activity within a location.
- ✓ Study physical maps of Mexico and label them to show the different regions. Use this knowledge to explain the land-use patterns of Mexico.
- ✓ Explain how the human geography of a region of Mexico (Mexico City) has changed over the years.
- ✓ Study tourism. Research which parts of Mexico generate the most tourism and explain the reasons why.
- ✓ Analyse, interpret and plot graphs that show variations in temperatures across the year in different parts of Mexico (e.g. coasts, forests, mountain regions)
- ✓ Identify the topographical features of Mexico and surrounding countries.

Mexico

Human	Physical
<p>Mexico has many villages, towns and cities.</p> <p>Mexico City is one of the biggest cities in the world. Mexico city began as the home of an ancient empire.</p> <p>Many tourists visit Mexico to view the Mayan structures and the coast.</p> <p>Mexico's main exports are vehicles and machinery.</p> 	<p>There are deep canyons and peninsulas, tall mountains and dry deserts. There is a long coastline, which attracts many tourists.</p>  <p>Central Mexico is mountainous with high peaks. Many of the peaks are volcanic, which means the soil is very fertile.</p> <p>This supported the growth of ancient civilisations.</p>

**Key Facts and Figures: Mexico**

Continent	North America
Capital	Mexico City
Population	129.2 million
Highest mountain	Pico de Orizaba
Longest river	Rio Grande
Ocean/ Sea	Pacific Ocean/ Gulf of Mexico
Currency	Mexico Peso

