

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. Mexico City is one of the biggest cities in the world. Mexico city began as the home of an ancient empire. Many tourists visit Mexico to view the Mayan structures and the coast. 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

