

Where is Mexico located?







Mexico is located in North America and is the second largest country in Latin America. It is surrounded by the Pacific Ocean, Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea.



Flag of Mexico.

The colours represent: green - hope; white - unity and red- the blood of the national heroes. An eagle and snake are represented on the coat of arms in the middle.



Key Vocabulary	
Aqueduct 	A channel or pipe built to carry water over a long distance.
Northern Hemisphere	The half of the earth that is north of the equator.
Southern Hemisphere	The half of the earth that is south of the equator.
Mayan 	A member of an ancient Indian civilization of Mexico and Central America that was discovered and destroyed by Europeans in the 1500s.
Desert	A very dry, sandy area with few or no plants growing in it.
Gulf of Mexico 	An area of the Atlantic Ocean that is bounded by the southern coast of the United States, the eastern coast of Mexico, and the island of Cuba.
Biodiversity 	If an area on the earth has biodiversity, it means that there are many different kinds of animals and plants living there.
Climate	The usual weather conditions in a place.
Tropical 	Having to do with, characteristic of, or happening near the equator.
Equator 	The imaginary circle around the earth that is halfway between the North and South Poles. The equator is represented by a line that goes around the middle of a globe.

Facts about Mexico.

Capital city: Mexico city



Currency: Mexican Peso



Population: Over 132 million

Languages spoken: Spanish is the most widely spoken language and 6% of people speak native languages, including Nahuatl, Yucatec Maya and Mixtec.

Famous food in Mexico.

Popular Mexican cuisine includes:

tacos,



enchiladas,



Elote(corn on the cob with cream cheese/chilli),



guacamole (made from avocados),



tamales.



Corn is a very important Mexican food and is used in many dishes.

A general name for a variety of different sauces used in Mexican

What is the landscape of Mexico like? What plants and animals are there?
Most of Mexico is on flat, raised land called a plateau. Additionally, there are mountains, rainforests and deserts.

Mexico is located in a region with many volcanoes called the Ring of Fire. The highest peak is a volcano called Pico de Orizaba.



A variety of plants can be found: cacti and yuccas in dry areas; mangrove swamps and evergreen forests in the mountains.



Animals found in Mexico include: jaguars, howler monkeys, spider monkeys, iguanas, flamingos and parrots.



"Day of the Dead" festival.

Day of the Dead (Dia de los Muertos) is a celebration during which the dead are honoured. It is not melancholy time, but a time of rejoicing and memories. People go to cemeteries and create altars to be with the souls of friends and relatives who have departed. The Day of the dead takes place across three days - the first being 31st October. People create ofrendas (altars) to honour the deceased. The altars are a space to remember loved ones and light candles to guide the spirits. A special bread called Pan de Muertos is eaten.

