

What I should already know
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I know about maps of the UK and the world I know about the continents and oceans of the world I know that the weather and climate is different in locations around the world I know what the difference is between physical and geographical features I can identify the position of longitude, latitude, equator, Northern and Southern Hemisphere.

Key Vocabulary	
Indigenous	People, plants or animals that originated in a place.
Climate	The weather in a particular place over a period of time.
Diverse	Vary varied or different.
Region	A geographical area with its own unique features or characteristics.
Tradition	An activity, custom or belief that people have continued to follow for a long time.
Heritage	Traditions, languages or buildings from the past that are important to a particular society.
Culture	The lifestyle of a group of people or society.
Civilisation	A well-organised and developed society.
Festival	A celebration or special event held to mark a particular occasion.
Equinox	A time when the length of the day and night are the same.

What I will know by the end of this unit
Locate Mexico in an atlas and identify human and physical features
Explain how humans function in the place they live through the investigation of desert biomes and identify features of desert biomes
Know the names of, and locate, a number of North American countries
Name the largest deserts in the worlds and locate desert regions on a map.
Know how to use a six figure grid reference with increased accuracy.
Know how to use an atlas by using the index to find places

Knowledge
Mexico is located in the south of the continent of North America.
It has a diverse landscape that includes mountains, rainforests and deserts.
The Chihuahuan Desert is one of the largest in North America. It has cold winters and hot summers.
Mexico celebrates many festivals including 'Dia de la Independencia' and 'Dia de los Muertos'
Food is very important to Mexican culture.
The Maya were a group of indigenous people who lived in Mexico over 3000 years ago. There are still some Maya people today who follow the lifestyle.
The Maya were experts in farming, pottery, writing and music.
The Maya created a calendar based on maths and astronomy.
The Maya played a ball game called 'Ulama' - it was a fierce game and the leader of the losing team was killed after the game.
El Castillo is a Maya temple in Chichen Itza.


Diagrams/Pictures/Maps




Mexico City and the Popocatepetl volcano



Diagrams/Pictures/Maps



El Castillo in Chichén Itzá, Mexico



Useful links
National Geographic Kids - Mexico
Kids Search - Kid's Translator
BBC Good Food - Mexican Recipes
DKfindout! - Mayans
Britannica - Mariachi