

Mexico Today : Geography : Year 3/4

	Learning Objective	Overview	Assessment Questions	Resources
Lesson 1	To compare and contrast Mexico and the United Kingdom	In this first lesson, children will share what they already know about the UK and Mexico. As a class, children will look at a range of pictures of Mexico and discuss what this tells them about the country, including how similar or different it is to the UK. In the independent activity, they sort picture and information cards into two piles depending on which country they represent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can children identify pictures of and facts about Mexico? Can children identify some similarities between Mexico and the UK? Can children identify some differences between Mexico and the UK? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides Picture Cards Information Cards Question Prompt Cards Similarities and Differences Sheet Research Sheet (FSD? activity only)
Lesson 2	To know where Mexico is in the world	Children begin by finding Mexico on a world map. They then look in more detail at the country, learning about the main regions of Mexico, and locating the major cities, the bordering countries, and the surrounding bodies of water. Children will record what they have learnt on their own maps of Mexico, or alternatively, use their knowledge of the country to match up information on domino cards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can children locate Mexico on a world map? Can children use a map to locate the major cities, bordering countries and bodies of water surrounding Mexico? Can children compare and contrast a map of Mexico with a map of the UK? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides Worksheet 2A/2B/2C Mexico Labels Map of Mexico Dominoes Set A/B (FSD? activity only)
Lesson 3	To know about the weather and climate of Mexico	Children will first find out the difference between weather and climate. They will learn that the climate of an area depends on many factors. They will look at Mexico's two main climate zones, and in their independent activities, will interpret data from graphs and tables to answer questions about and compare and contrast different cities within these climate zones.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do children know the difference between weather and climate? Do children understand some of the reasons that can affect the climate of an area? Can children use graphs and tables to answer questions about and discuss the climate of an area? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides Worksheet 3A/3B/3C/3D Climate Cards A/B Hurricane Gilbert Information Sheet (FSD? activity only) News Report Prompt Cards (FSD? activity only)
Lesson 4	To know about the physical geography of Mexico	In this lesson, children will find out the meaning of the term physical geography. They will find out about Mexico's extremely varied landscape, which includes deserts, jungles and mountains. They will explore some of these locations in more detail in their independent activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do children understand the term physical geography? Can children describe the varied physical geography of Mexico? Can children share their own opinions about the physical geography of Mexico? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides Letter Template Challenge Cards A/B/C Copper Canyon Information Sheet Lacandon Jungle Information Sheet Sonoran Desert Information Sheet Mexican Wildlife Cards (FSD? activity only) Mexican Wildlife Locations Sheet (FSD? activity only)
Lesson 5	To know about Mexican culture	Children are introduced to the concept of human geography, and learn that one aspect of this concerns the culture of a society. Children use their research skills to find out about Mexican festivals, food, sports and music & dance, and use what they have learnt to answer questions, retrieve facts and create information booklets. Alternatively, they apply their knowledge of Mexican culture in order to play a game.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do children understand the term 'human geography'? Can children use resources to research the human geography of Mexico? Can children answer questions about/describe some aspects of the human geography of Mexico? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides Culture Question Cards Worksheet 5A/5B Mexican Culture Information Sheets Arriba, Arriba! Game Board (FSD? activity only) Chilli Cards Set (FSD? activity only) Dice (FSD? activity only)
Lesson 6	To understand Mexico as a tourist destination	In this final lesson, children look at Mexico as a holiday destination. They identify and discuss what might attract tourists to the country. In their independent activities, they use this knowledge, as well as that which they have amassed over the previous lessons, to advise different tourists about what they could see and do which on a trip to Mexico.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do children understand why Mexico is a popular tourist destination? Can children give some suggestions as to what activities are on offer for tourists visiting the country? Can children share their own views and opinions? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides Worksheet 6A/6B/6C Suggestion Cards Client Information Cards Customer Prompt Question Cards (FSD? activity only) Books, brochures, internet access (FSD? activity only)