

All About Mexico



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KWL Chart All About Mexico

What I know	What I would like to know	What I have learned
Mexico		

Map + Flag



Mexico's Flag

Green, white, and red with the national coat of arms (an eagle with a snake in it's mouth) in the centre of the white stripe. Can you try to draw the Mexican flag?

- Green Stripe: hope
- White Stripe: unity
- Red Stripe: blood of heroes



Location

Mexico borders the USA (to the north) and Guatemala (to the south). The waters that surround Mexico are the Gulf of Mexico (to the east) and the Pacific Ocean (to the west) also there is the Caribbean sea to the east. Mexico has nearly 150 rivers!



Mexico's Geography



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Mexico

- Third largest country in Latin America
- 14th largest nation in the world

Mexico's Geography

Capital: Mexico City

- Most populated city in Mexico
- Located in the Valley of Mexico
- Oldest capital city in North and South America
- Largest Spanish-speaking city in the world





Key Facts



The population (how many people live there) is 126 million as of 2018

The currency (money) is Mexican Peso

The land mass (how big it is) is 1 972 550 square km (can you say that number?!)

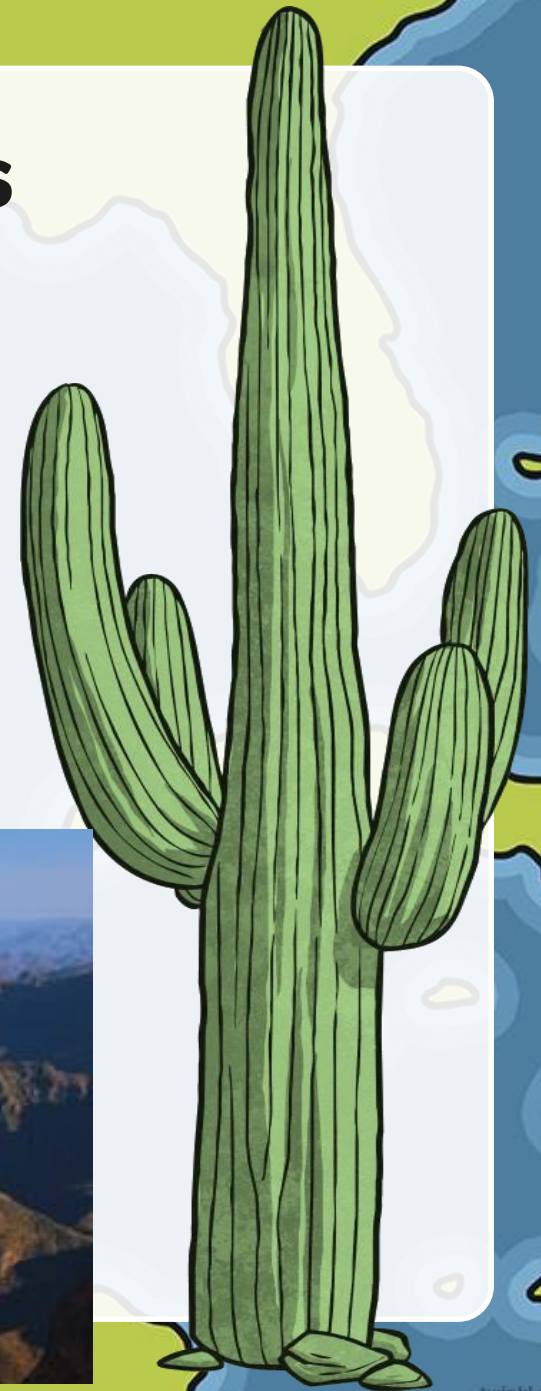
There are 100 native American languages still being spoken in Mexico, they also speak Spanish. The most important of the native American languages is Nahuatl

Physical Features

Copper Canyon: large group of canyons located in northwestern Mexico includes Basaseachic Falls, Mexico's second-highest waterfall

Chihuahuan Desert: second largest desert in North America

Lacandon Jungle: largest montane rainforest in North America



Landmarks

Chichen Itza: Mayan ruins located on the Yucatán Peninsula. Once one of the largest Maya cities and now one of the most visited locations in Mexico.



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Teotihuacan: established around 100 BC. It was the Aztec capital until it was conquered by Spain in 1521. Ruins of this beautiful city can still be seen in present day Mexico City.

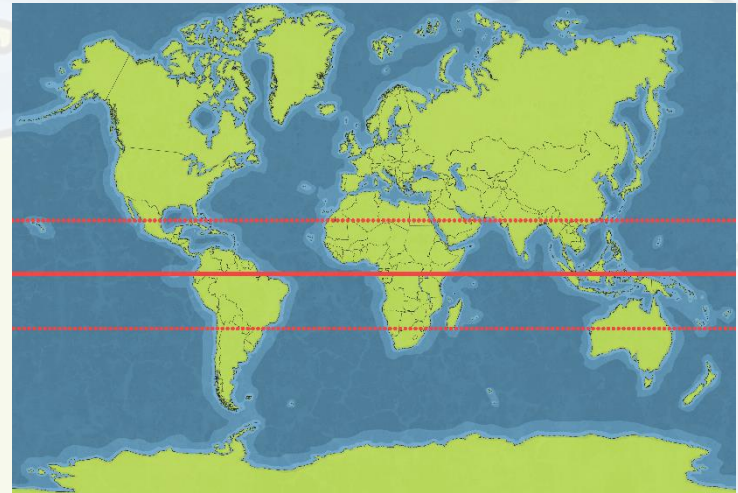


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Climate

Mexico's climate varies greatly depending on location.

- The Tropic of Cancer divides the country into temperate and tropical zones.
 - The area north of the Tropic of Cancer experiences a more varied climate including colder temperatures in the winter.
 - The area south of the Tropic of Cancer is hot and humid and experiences only small changes in temperature.
- Mexico also has dry and wet seasons.
 - Wet Season: May-October
 - Dry Season: November-April



Culture

- Spanish is the most spoken language in Mexico.
- The largest religion in Mexico is the Roman Catholic religion.
- Football is the most popular team sport in Mexico.

Mexico



Mexican Food

- Mole: a general name for a variety of different sauces used in Mexican cooking.
- Corn is a very important staple in Mexican food. It is used in a multitude of Mexican dishes but most commonly in the form of tortillas.
- Popular Mexican cuisine includes tacos, enchiladas, elote, guacamole, and tamales.



Holidays & Celebrations



Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead):

- November 1st – 2nd each year.
- A time to remember and celebrate loved ones who have passed away.
- Altars are created and decorated with favorite items and food of the deceased as a way to entice them to return.
- Sugar Skulls: one of the most well-known Day of the Dead decorations. These little decorations are typically made from granulated white sugar and decorated with bright patterns.
- Calaca: these skeletons are a very popular Day of the Dead tradition. They are often adorned with marigold and foliage and are meant to be joyful rather than scary.

**Would you like to travel to Mexico?
Why or why not?**



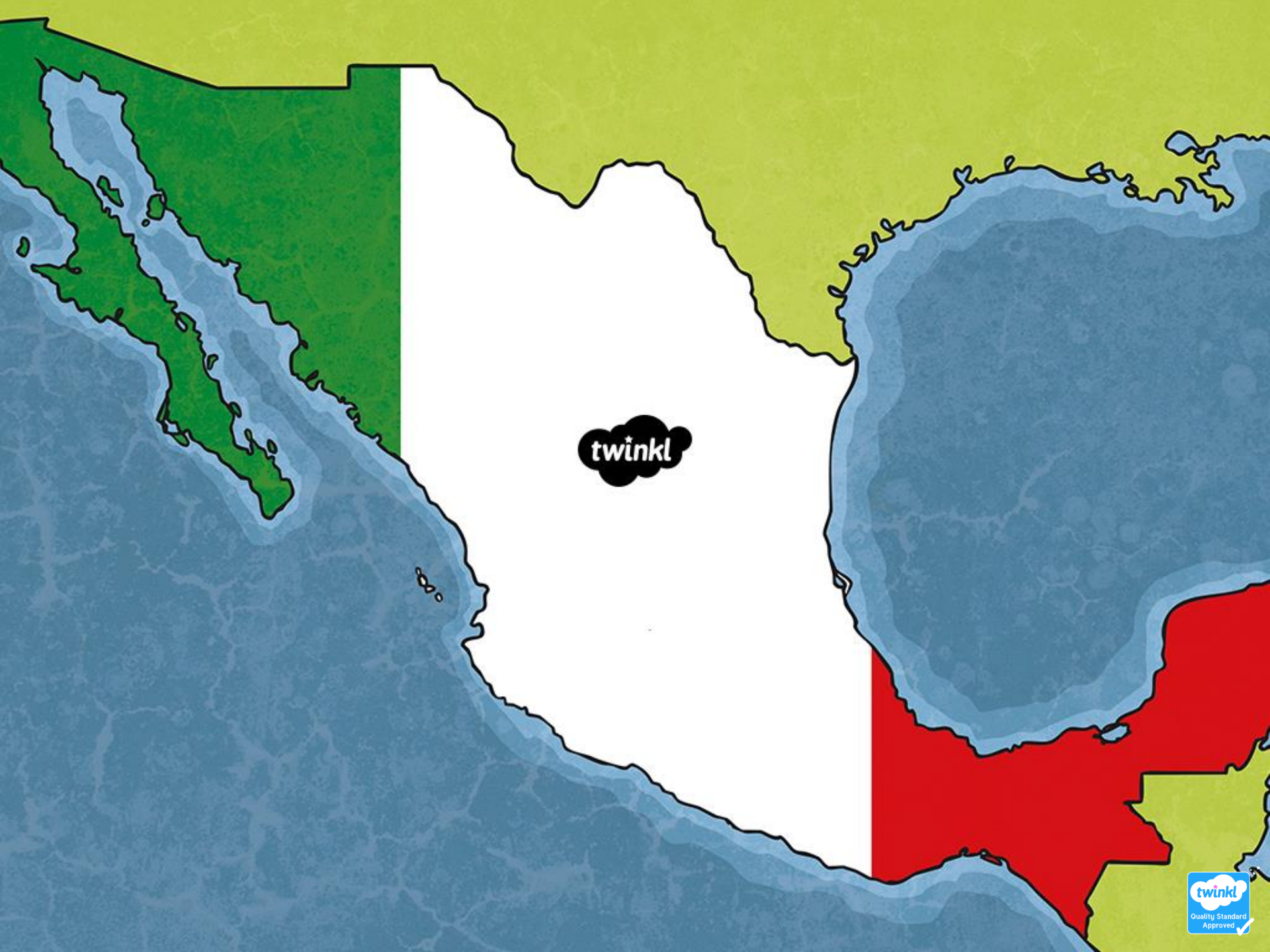
Activities

KWL grid. What do you know about Mexico, what would you like to find out about Mexico?

All about Mexico information sheet. Can you fill in the information? You'll find some of the facts on here but you may have to research some of the facts.

Label the map of Mexico. You'll find some of the facts on here but you may have to research some of the facts.

Optional- try to draw the flag.



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