



# MEXICO



## Climate

The climate in Mexico is tropical with a rainy and dry season with most regions receiving about 40 inches of rain per year. The temperature in all areas of Mexico typically ranges between 12°C and 32°C throughout the year.

## Biomes

Mexico's three main biomes are: desert, temperate forests, and tropical rainforests.; it's largest biome is the desert. The desert is located closer to the centre and upper part of Mexico. The tropical rain forests are located closer to

the coast line of Mexico. The temperate forests are located in the southern part of Mexico.

## Key vocabulary

**Climate** - the dominant weather conditions in an area over a long period of time.

**Biome** - a large region of Earth that has a certain climate and certain types of living things—both plants and animals, e.g. rainforest.

**Topography** - the physical features of an area of land. These features typically include natural formations such as mountains, rivers, lakes, and valleys.

**Vegetation** - the plant life of the region..

**Tectonic activity** - the movement of the individual sections of the Earth's crust (tectonic plates) and the effects these movements have (e.g. volcanoes and earthquakes).

**Population** - the whole number of people living in a country, city, or area.

**Settlement** - a community of people living in one place, such as a town or city.

**Shanty Town** - an illegal and deprived settlement consisting of poorly-built shacks usually found on the outskirts of a major city.

**Tourism** - people travelling for pleasure, such as going on holiday. Tourism can create jobs for locals and brings money in to the country.

Dear Year 6 parents/guardians,

This half term in Year 6, our topic will be Mexico! Your child will be learning about both the physical and human geography of the area as well as, of course, making some delicious Mexican food in DT.

Please help your child with their learning by going through this fact sheet with them.

Many thanks,

Year 6 teachers

## Top 10 facts

1. The capital city of Mexico is Mexico City.
2. Mexico is the 10th most populated country on Earth! It has a population of 130 million people!
3. The language spoken is Spanish.
4. The currency used is the Mexican Peso.
5. The main religion in Mexico is Christianity (89% of the population).
6. It has a rich history—both the Mayans and Aztecs (ancient civilisations) settled here.
7. Speaking of the Mayans, one of the seven wonders of the modern world is located right in Mexico! Chicken Itza, a famous Mayan settlement with pyramid, is located in the Yucatan.
8. Sadly, around 8 million Mexicans live in Shanty Towns experiencing extreme poverty.
9. Due to western and southern Mexico being situated at the edge of a tectonic plate, lots of tectonic activity occurs. Mexico has 14 active volcanoes (ones which may still erupt) and has had 25 earthquakes over the past 50 years; the latest earthquake was only last year.
10. Tourism is very important to Mexico's economy. \$22.5 billion was spent by tourists in 2018!