

**Phase:** 3/4

**Subject:** Geography

**Focus:** Mexico

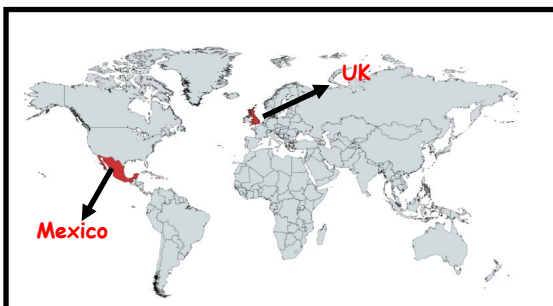
**Term:** Autumn

### What I should already know?

The town I live in is called Stourbridge, which is in the West Midlands. The West Midlands is in the country of England, which is part of the United Kingdom, the UK is part of the continent of Europe. There are 7 continents.

### Vocabulary

|                     |   |
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| <b>Architecture</b> | Planning, designing and constructing buildings.   |
| <b>Climate</b>      | The dominant weather conditions in an area over a long period of time.  |
| <b>Biome</b>        | A large region of Earth that has a certain climate and certain types of living things—both plants and animals e.g. rainforests  |
| <b>Topography</b>   | The physical feature of an area of land. Typically include natural formations such as mountains, rivers, lakes and valleys.     |
| <b>Population</b>   | The whole number of people living in a country, city, or area.  |
| <b>Tourism</b>      | People travelling for pleasure such as going on holiday. Tourism can create jobs for locals and brings money in to the country. |
| <b>Civilisation</b> | A well-organised and developed society.   |
| <b>Culture</b>      | The lifestyle of a group of people or a society.  |
| <b>Heritage</b>     | Traditions, language or buildings from the past that are important to a particular society.                                     |
| <b>Metropolis</b>   | The capital or chief city of a country or region  |
| <b>Region</b>       | A geographical area with its own unique features or characteristics.  |
| <b>Continent</b>    | A very large area of land that consists of many countries.  |






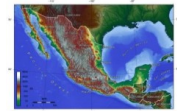
### Knowledge

As Mexico is close to the equator it is quite hot throughout the year. The temperature in the summer is around 28°C. The winter is very mild. October to May is the dry season, which means there is very little rain.

The meaning of the colours of the Mexican flag.  
 Green - hope  
 White - unity  
 Red - the blood of the national heroes.



### Features of West Midlands and Mexico

|             | Human   | Physical  |
|-------------|---|---|
| Stourbridge | <p>The West Midlands has many town (such as Stourbridge) and cities (such as Wolverhampton).</p> <p>Stourbridge and the West Midlands is famous for manufacturing especially glass making in Stourbridge.</p> <p>Canals can be found all across the Midlands linking the Midlands to the rest of the country.</p>    | <p>The River Stour runs through Stourbridge, it joins the North Sea.</p> <p>The landscape of the Midlands is a combination of industry, housing and green countryside and open space.</p> <p>The climate is mild. The summers are warm and the winters are cool.</p>               |
| Mexico      | <p>Mexico has many villages, towns and cities. The capital city in Mexico is Mexico City, one of the biggest cities in the world. Mexico City began as the home of an ancient empire and grew into a massive, modern metropolis.</p> <p>Many tourists visit Mexico, especially the coast and Mayan and Aztec ancient structures.</p> <p>The main language is Spanish.</p>  | <p>There are deep canyons, peninsulas, tall mountains, dry deserts, national parks and forests. There is a long coastline, which attracts many tourists.</p> <p>Central Mexico is mountainous, with peaks reaching over 16,000 feet high. Many of these peaks are volcanic.</p>  |

### By the end of the unit I should know...

Mexico is in the continent of North America (and subcontinent of Central America).

It is the most populous Spanish-speaking country in the world.

Similarities and differences between the UK and Mexico.

### Geographical skills & enquiry

Use aerial photographs to compare Stourbridge in the UK and Mexico. What is the same? What is different?

Identify and describe human and physical features of UK and Mexico.

Describe the locations of Stourbridge in the UK and Mexico using the eight compass points.

| Question 1: On which continent will you find Mexico? | Start of Unit | End of Unit |
|--|---------------|-------------|
| Europe   |               |             |
| Africa   |               |             |
| South America  |               |             |
| North America  |               |             |
| Don't know   |               |             |



| Question 2: What language do they mostly speak in Mexico? | Start of Unit | End of Unit |
|---|---------------|-------------|
| Mexican   |               |             |
| Spanish   |               |             |
| English   |               |             |
| Portuguese  |               |             |
| Don't know  |               |             |

| Question 3: How does Mexico differ to the UK? |
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| Start of unit:                                |
| _____   |
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| End of unit:                                  |
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| Question 4—Why is it hot in Mexico?                                      | Start of Unit | End of Unit |
|--|---------------|-------------|
| There don't tend to be clouds so the sun can reach the earth more easily |               |             |
| It is close to the equator   |               |             |
| It is in the middle of the earth   |               |             |
| Don't know   |               |             |

| Question 5—What is the capital city of Mexico? | Start of Unit | End of Unit |
|--|---------------|-------------|
| Mexico City                                    |               |             |
| Cancun   |               |             |
| Mexicali                                       |               |             |
| Don't know                                     |               |             |

| Question 6—Which seas or oceans surround Mexico? (Tick all that apply) | Start of Unit | End of Unit |
|--|---------------|-------------|
| Atlantic Ocean   |               |             |
| Pacific Ocean  |               |             |
| Gulf of Mexico   |               |             |
| The red Sea  |               |             |

| What I would like to find out? |
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| Answers to my questions... |
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