

## Riverside Primary – Geography Knowledge Organiser LKS2 Mexico

Topic: Mexico

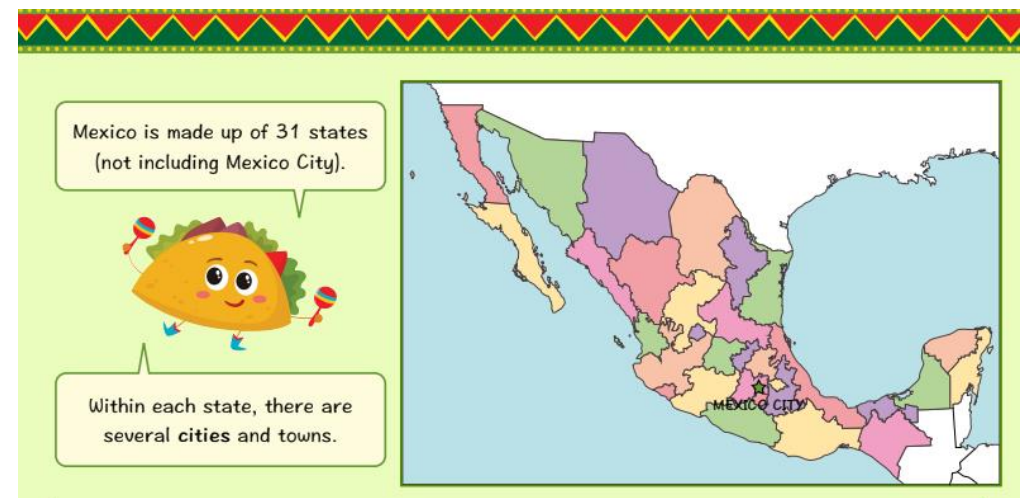
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NC Strand: Locational Knowledge, Geographical Skills and Fieldwork.

### Key Vocabulary:


continent	A <b>continent</b> is a massive area of land that is separated from others by water or other natural features.
population	All the people who live in a country or area.
country	An area of land that is controlled by its own <b>government</b> .
language	The <b>words</b> and expressions used and understood by a large group of people
equator	The equator is an imaginary line around the middle of the earth.
landmark	A building or feature which is easily recognised.
physical geography	Natural features and landscapes.
weather	Is how we describe the conditions outside over a short period of time. (hours/ days)
climate	Is how we describe the conditions outside over a longer period of time (months/years).
city	A place in which people live and work that is larger than a <b>town</b> .
capital city	A <b>capital</b> is a <b>city</b> where a countries government is located. This is where government buildings are and where government leaders work.
border	Borders separate countries.
culture	Refers to traditions, beliefs and ideas from a particular group pf people or society.

- **Locational knowledge** - locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia).
- **Place Knowledge** - understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, a region in a European country.
- **Human and physical geography** - identify seasonal and daily weather patterns and the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles
- **Geography skills and fieldwork** - Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries, as well as the countries, continents and oceans studied at this key stage
- Use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and locational and directional language (for example, near and far; left and right), to describe the location of features and routes on a map.







This is the capital city of Mexico. It is called Mexico City (this makes it easy to remember!)




This building is the Palacio de Bellas Artes. It is the cultural 'hub' of the city, hosting music, dance and theatre events, as well as painting, sculpture and photography exhibitions.




Areas that are closer to the equator receive more sunlight, and experience higher temperatures, than those that are further away.




Music and dance play a very important part in the history and culture of Mexico. Mariachi bands entertain people with their knowledge of hundreds of traditional and modern songs. Mexican dance is always lively and fun to watch, with its vibrant costumes and accompanying music.




## Continents



Mexico is in the continent of North America.



The UK is in the continent of Europe.



Can you identify these two continents on this map?


### Did you know?

The bodies of water surrounding Mexico are:


The Gulf of Mexico to the east.

The Gulf of California between the mainland and the Baja Peninsula.

The North Pacific Ocean to the west of Mexico.



These colourful houses are in the city of Guanajuato, in central Mexico. It has many narrow streets, alleyways and tunnels. Some of the balconies on buildings opposite each other are close enough for the occupants to reach across and touch each other! One such street where this is possible is the Callejón del Beso (meaning Alley of the Kiss!)



These are houses in Mexico, how do they compare to houses in the UK?

**Plenary:** These maps show the size of Mexico and the UK in relation to each other.

The country of Mexico:  
Size: 1,964,000km<sup>2</sup>  
Population: 127.5 million people

The capital of Mexico:  
Size: 1,485km<sup>2</sup>  
Population: 8.9 million people



The country of the UK:  
Size: 242,495km<sup>2</sup>  
Population: 65.6 million people

The capital of the UK:  
Size: 1,572km<sup>2</sup>  
Population: 8.7 million people



Compare and contrast the size and population of the two countries, and their capital cities. What do you notice?

What do you notice about the size and population of Mexico and the UK?