



# Mexico

Stage 6

Unit Focus: Mexico

Text Focus: Information Text





## Today we are learning to...



identify new words when you read and discuss their meaning in context



explain and justify using evidence from the text



retrieve simple facts



# Before reading...

What do you already know about Mexico?





## Task 2: Quick-fire retrieval

*With a partner, write the answers to these!*

- 1) How long is Mexico's border with the USA?
- 2) Approximately what is the population size of Mexico?
- 3) What language do people in Mexico mainly speak?
- 4) What is the name of the largest volcanic region in the world?



## Task 2: Quick-fire retrieval ANSWERS

*With a partner, write the answers to these!*

- 1) How long is Mexico's border with the USA? *2000 miles*
- 2) Approximately what is the population size of Mexico? *130 million people*
- 3) What language do people in Mexico mainly speak? *Spanish*
- 4) What is the name of the largest volcanic region in the world? *The Ring of Fire*



## Task 3: Vocabulary Check

*Complete this table to show your understanding of these words*

Word	Have you heard the word before?	What do you think it means?	Synonyms	Antonyms
unity				
emblem				
dormant				



## Task 4: Vocabulary Synonyms

Mexico is situated on the largest volcano and earthquake region in the world: the Ring of Fire...

What does the word *situated* mean in this sentence?  
Tick one.

	Tick one
waiting	
located	
situation	
behind	



## Task 4: Vocabulary Synonyms

but the temperature doesn't fluctuate much over the year...

What does the word *fluctuate* mean in this sentence?  
Tick one.

	Tick one
flowed	
steady	
changing	
vary	



## Task 4: Vocabulary Synonyms

The white stands for unity and the green is for hope...

What does the word *unity* mean in this sentence?  
Tick one.

	Tick one
independence	
loneliness	
togetherness	
solemn	



## Task 5: True or false?

*Using information from the text, tick one box in each row to show whether each statement is true or false.*

STATEMENT	TRUE	FALSE
The capital, Mexico City, has a population of roughly 3 million.		
The flag's emblem shows an eagle on a cactus, holding a snake.		
Mexico is a country in the north of the South American continent.		
The northern parts of Mexico are mainly tropical and covered in rainforest.		



## Task 6: Inference

*Using information from the text, tick one box in each row to show whether each statement is a fact or an opinion.*

STATEMENT	FACT	OPINION
I would prefer to visit the southern parts of Mexico as they are tropical.		
Mexico seems like an amazing, interesting place to visit.		
The population of Mexico is around 130 million people		