



Geography Focus	North America (Mexico)	Year 3	Autumn
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What? (Key Knowledge)	
Basic Facts	Mexico is located in North America, directly south of the United States. Mexico is the 14th largest country by land area. There are 31 states in Mexico as well as the capital city (Mexico City).
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Human Feature	Some of the most widely spoken languages in Mexico, aside from Spanish, are Nahuatl, which has more than 1.7 million speakers, Maya, spoken by around 850,000 people, and Mixtec.
Physical Features	Mexico contains a wide range of terrain. There are deep canyons, tall mountains, dry deserts, 67 national parks and jungle full of all kinds of creatures.
Climate and weather patterns	The climate varies, but there are usually two seasons, wet and dry. Coastal areas are hot and dry from November to April. In the wet season it's still hot but there are big rainstorms. The north of the country is the driest region but it gets cold in the winter months.
Global Issues	The history of Mexican immigration to the United States is best characterised as the movement of unskilled, manual labourers pushed northward, mostly by poverty. This continues to be a geopolitical issue.

Possible experiences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use atlases to explore the country, and identify key facts. Be given photos of countries, items of food, artefacts etc and reason if they link to UK or other country, Complete graph work comparing climates of UK and other country.

What? (Key vocab)	
Spelling	Definition
Terrain	The dimensions of land surface.
Multicultural	Incorporates ideas, beliefs or people from many different countries and cultural backgrounds.
Capital	The city that functions as the seat of government
Population	The number of people who live in a country
Landmark	A building or part of the landscape which is easily recognised by people. (Big Ben, Loch Ness, Giant's Causeway, Snowdonia)
Human feature	A manmade feature on the landscape (roads, cities, statues)
Physical feature	A natural feature on the environment (mountains, beaches, forests)
Climate	What the weather is like over an extended period of time.

Diagrams and Symbols
