



# Knowledge Bank: Year 5 Geography – Hola Mexico!

How do the physical and human characteristics impact people's way of life in Mexico?

## Physical Features:

**Mexico's location means its landscape features many interesting physical features:**

**Popocatepetl volcano:** Also called El Popo. It is in mid central Mexico. El Popo last erupted in June 2010 and is still active.

**Chihuahuan desert:** In North Mexico, which is in the north of the Tropic of Cancer. Therefore, the temperature is high and incredibly dry (ideal desert conditions).

**Lancadon jungle:** In South Mexico, which is in the south of the Tropic of Cancer. Therefore, it is humid and wet (ideal jungle conditions).

## Human Features:

**Mexico is host to many unique and interesting human features, such as:**

**Chichen Itza ruins:** Yucatan peninsula – marked the home of the ancient Mayan civilization

**Mexico City Metropolitan Cathedral:** Central

**Mexico City:** Highest and oldest city on the North America continent. Built to depict the importance of the capital city

**Mexcaltitan:** A man made city island. At high water, the streets turn into channels. It is said to be the home of the ancient Aztecs

## Diagrams/Images/Maps:



## What I should already know:

**Year 3 Portsmouth** – tourism.

**Year 3 Tremors** – location of plates, Ring of Fire, volcanoes and earthquakes

**Year 4 Road trip USA** – location of North America, location and tourism in California, Colorado river runs into the Rio Grande

## Key Facts:

Mexico is a country located in a region known as Central America but it is in the continent of North America.

Mexico export silver, avocados, machinery, vehicles, mineral fuels and lots more!

The south of Mexico is close to the equator so it has a tropical climate.

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## Key Vocabulary:

<b>tourism</b>	The business of providing services for people who are on holiday.
<b>population</b>	All the people living in a particular country, area or place.
<b>migration</b>	The process of people travelling to a new place to live, usually in large numbers.
<b>trade</b>	An activity of buying, selling and exchanging goods between people or countries.
<b>climate</b>	The weather conditions in an area in general or over a long period.