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| Mexico Exercises | about-the-world.org/3220 | **Video + Exercises** |

**Match terms**

*Task: Match each term with the appropriate explanation!*

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| (A) | Canyon | (1) | mix of indigenous and European ancestry |
| (I) | Quetzal | (2) | a country south of Mexico |
| (I) | Mariachi | (3) | unique bird species in Mexico |
| (L) | Conquistadors | (4) | unique amphibian species in Mexico |
| (P) | Belize | (5) | traditional Mexican music style |
| (R) | Axolotl | (6) | main square in Mexico City |
| (S) | Mestizo | (7) | traditional Mexican dish |
| (T) | Zócalo | (8) | deep, narrow valley with steep sides |
| (U) | Enchiladas | (9) | Spanish conquerors |

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| **Keyword:** | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ |
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**Complete sentences**

*Task: Match the beginning of each sentence with the end!*

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| (D) | Mexico is located in North ... | (1) | ... America and borders the USA. |
| (E) | Mexico City is the capital ... | (2) | ... and political center. |
| (K) | Mexico has over 130 ... | (3) | ... early civilizations. |
| (O) | Corn and beans are staple ... | (4) | ... million inhabitants. |
| (P) | The Barranca del Cobre is ... | (5) | ... its automotive industry. |
| (S) | The Aztecs and Maya were ... | (6) | ... foods in Mexico. |
| (T) | The country is known for ... | (7) | ... a large canyon. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | What is Mexico’s location? |
| (R) | Europe |
| (T) | North America |
| (V) | South America |
| 2. | What are enchiladas? |
| (A) | traditional Mexican dish |
| (B) | a musical instrument |
| (S) | a dance |
| 3. | What is the capital of Mexico? |
| (N) | Monterrey |
| (R) | Mexico City |
| (T) | Guadalajara |
| 4. | Who were the early civilizations in Mexico? |
| (G) | Aztecs and Maya |
| (R) | Vikings and Celts |
| (V) | Romans and Greeks |
| 5. | What is a mestizo? |
| (A) | a type of music |
| (E) | a person of mixed indigenous and European ancestry |
| (S) | a traditional dance |
| 6. | What is the Barranca del Cobre? |
| (R) | a river |
| (T) | a large canyon |
| (V) | a mountain |

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| **Keyword**: | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ |
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**Right or wrong?**

*Task: State whether the statements are true or false!*

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| right | wrong |  |
| (H) | (V) | 1. Mexico shares borders with Guatemala and Belize. |
| (F) | (A) | 2. Mexico has a mostly tropical climate. |
| (R) | (N) | 3. Mexico City is the smallest city in the country. |
| (D) | (R) | 4. Spanish is the official language of Mexico. |
| (L) | (T) | 5. The best time to visit Mexico is from November to April. |
| (A) | (E) | 6. The quetzal is a type of Mexican dance. |

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| **Keyword:** | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ |
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**7 Questions about the text**

*Task: Answer the questions in one or two complete sentences!*

What does Mexico border in the north?

What climate zone is in northern Mexico?

What was a turning point in Mexico’s modern history?

What is a major source of income for Mexico?

What are famous Mexican dishes?

What is a unique animal species in Mexico?

What role do music and dance play in Mexico?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Mexico**

**Match terms**

Mestizo = mix of indigenous and European ancestry

Belize = a country south of Mexico

Quetzal = unique bird species in Mexico

Axolotl = unique amphibian species in Mexico

Mariachi = traditional Mexican music style

Zócalo = main square in Mexico City

Enchiladas = traditional Mexican dish

Canyon = deep, narrow valley with steep sides

Conquistadors = Spanish conquerors

Keyword: SPIRITUAL

**Complete sentences**

Mexico is located in North | America and borders the USA.

Mexico City is the capital | and political center.

The Aztecs and Maya were | early civilizations.

Mexico has over 130 | million inhabitants.

The country is known for | its automotive industry.

Corn and beans are staple | foods in Mexico.

The Barranca del Cobre is | a large canyon.

Keyword: DESKTOP

**Questions**

What is Mexico’s location?

North America

What are enchiladas?

traditional Mexican dish

What is the capital of Mexico?

Mexico City

Who were the early civilizations in Mexico?

Aztecs and Maya

What is a mestizo?

a person of mixed indigenous and European ancestry

What is the Barranca del Cobre?

a large canyon

Keyword: TARGET

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Mexico shares borders with Guatemala and Belize.

4. Spanish is the official language of Mexico.

5. The best time to visit Mexico is from November to April.

wrong

6. The quetzal is a type of Mexican dance.

2. Mexico has a mostly tropical climate.

3. Mexico City is the smallest city in the country.

Keyword: HANDLE

**Solution sheet 2**

**Mexico**

**Questions and answers**

What does Mexico border in the north?

Mexico borders the USA in the north.

What climate zone is in northern Mexico?

Northern Mexico has a drier climate zone.

What was a turning point in Mexico’s modern history?

The revolution of 1910 was a turning point.

What is a major source of income for Mexico?

Tourism is a major source of income for Mexico.

What are famous Mexican dishes?

Tacos, enchiladas, and guacamole are famous dishes.

What is a unique animal species in Mexico?

The axolotl is a unique animal species in Mexico.

What role do music and dance play in Mexico?

Music and dance play a major role in festivals and celebrations.