

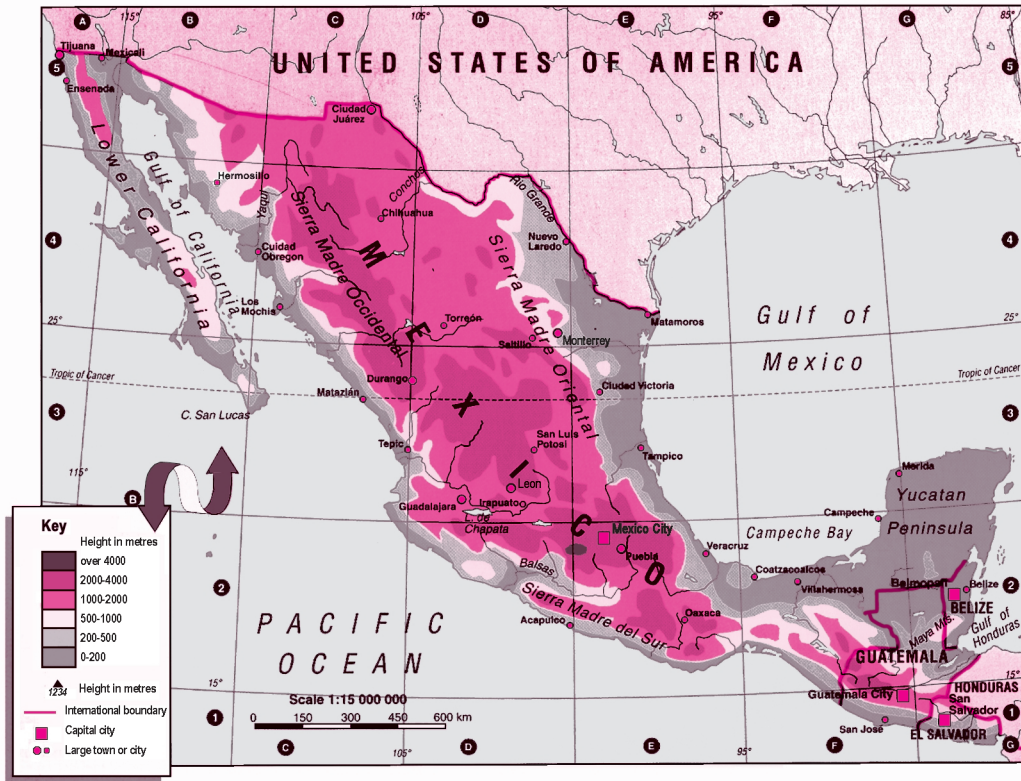
Mexico

Approach: One to one

Level: Year 8

Focus: Interpreting a map of Mexico and Central America.

Resources: Map of Mexico, ruler.



Questions/instructions:

In this activity we'll be looking at this map of Mexico. Have a look at the map. Then I'll ask you some questions.

Give student map. Allow time to look at the map. If necessary help student to locate places.

1. Look at Mexico City. Using the key to help you, tell me two facts about Mexico City.

- 2000-4000m above sea level 57
- capital city 68
- Other correct facts: 2 or more 2
- 1 17

2. If I was to travel from Mexico City to Leon, approximately how far would that be? There is a ruler here if you want to use it.

- 300-330km 28
- 300-330 4

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3. The map shows that Mexico has several neighbours. Tell me two neighbours of Mexico.

- U.S.A. 66
- Honduras 26
- Guatemala 18
- other correct 2
- Number correct: 2 or more 41
- 1 30

4. Show me where the highest area of land is in Mexico.

identified correct area 70

5. What city is close to 100 degrees longitude and 25 degrees latitude?

Monterrey 22

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Commentary:

The year 8 students had mixed success with this task. They struggled with the use of a scale to measure distance, with identifying small countries on the map, and with using longitude and latitude data to locate a city.