

Mexico's Climates Answer Key

1. Dry desert climates.
2. Their closeness to the coasts and warm temperatures with frequent rain.
3. Mild climates.
4. Because it is located at a high elevation.
5. Answers may include: affects types of plants and animals, affects activities people can do, affects weather patterns.
6. The Yucatan Peninsula and coastal areas along the Gulf of Mexico.
7. Higher elevation leads to cooler temperatures.

Teacher's Guide

- Read the passage aloud once to build comprehension, then have students reread independently.
- Encourage students to highlight **climate words** such as dry, tropical, and mild.
- Discuss how landforms connect to climate before answering questions.

Differentiation Tips

- Provide a vocabulary list with words like elevation, tropical, mild, and vegetation.
- For struggling readers, break the passage into smaller sections and discuss each one.
- Offer advanced learners a challenge prompt asking them to compare two Mexican climate zones.

Engagement Ideas

- Begin class with a quick discussion: Which climate would you want to live in and why.
- Show images of deserts, tropical forests, and high mountain regions in Mexico.
- Create a short prediction activity asking students what climates they think Mexico might have before reading.