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Welcome to Mexico!



Hola! Welcome to Mexico!

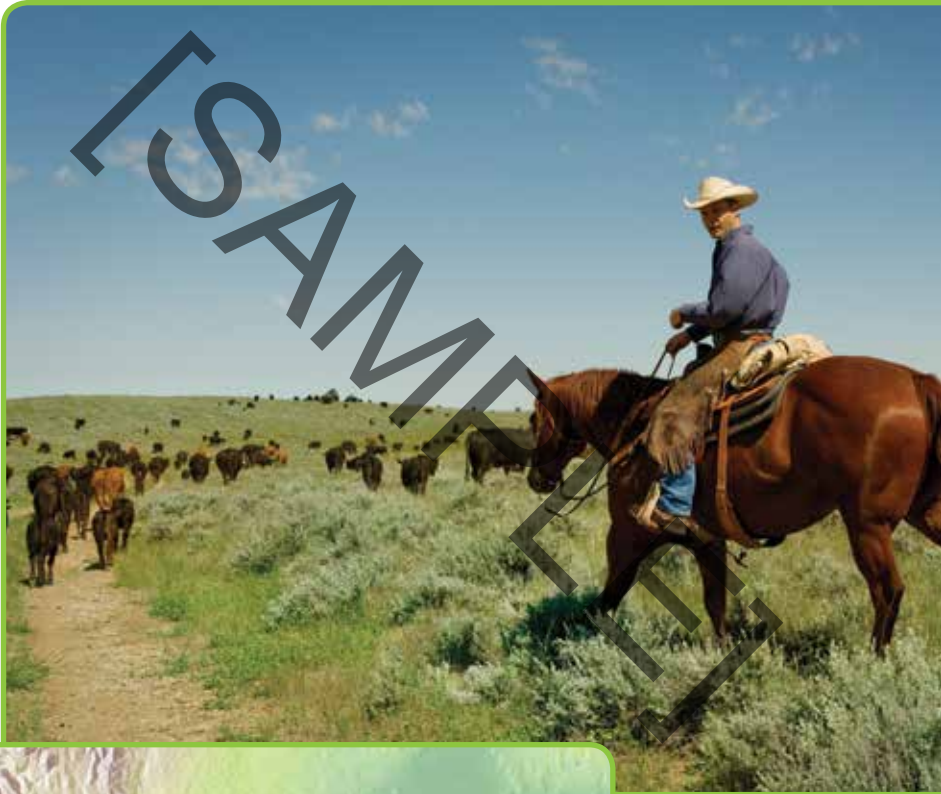


Mexico is a big country.
Everywhere you go there is
something new to see.

Here is a wide, blue sky
over a warm, brown **desert**. A
rattlesnake lies in the sun.



Here a rancher drives his **cattle** across the **plains**. They are going to the *Río Bravo*, which is a long and winding river.





Along the **coast**, the mighty **ocean** roars.

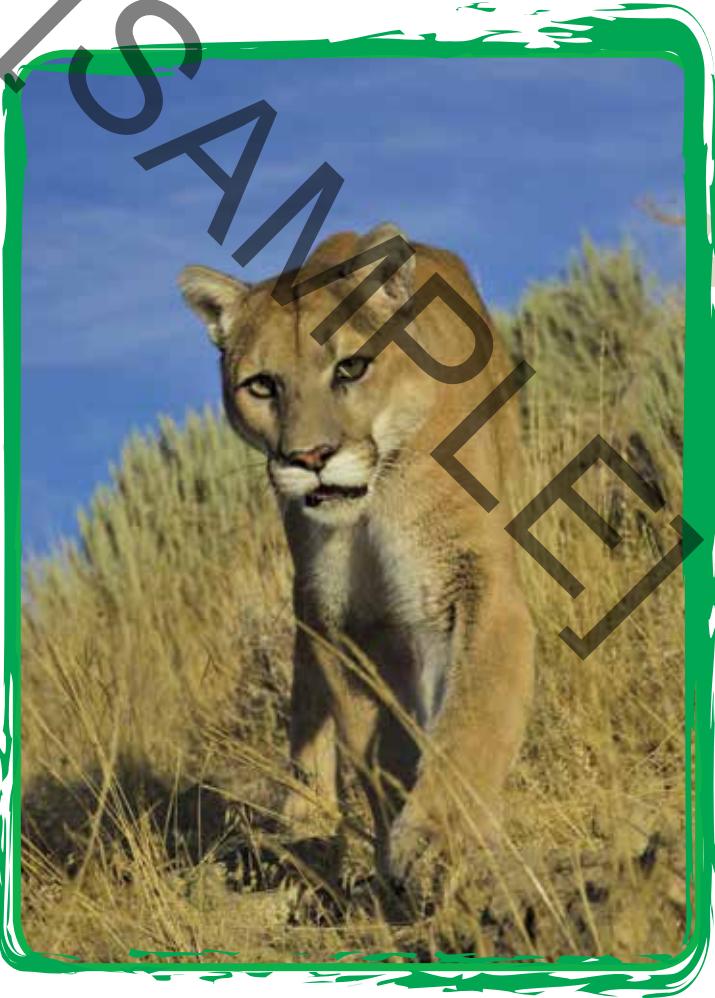


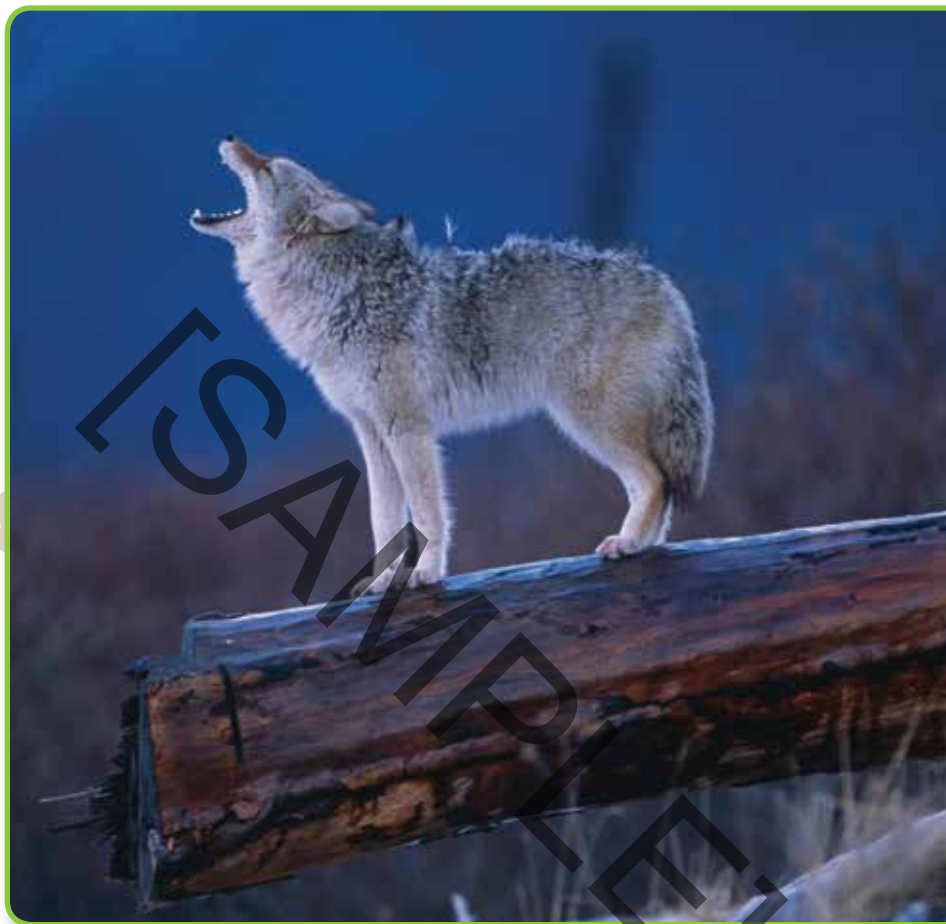
In the mountain forests, a bear family searches for food.

Yes, there is something different wherever you go in Mexico.

Animals

Many animals call Mexico home. Have you ever seen a puma? You might see one in Mexico.





Coyotes also live there. You might hear a coyote howling at the moon.



Lizards, snakes, turtles, and seals are some other animals you can find there.



These are just a few of
Mexico's animals.



Plants



Many different plants live in Mexico, too. **Cactuses** grow in the deserts. Some look like people reaching to the sky.



Jungle vines and plants grow thickly in parts of Mexico. In other parts, deep forests of oak and pine trees are found.

The Land



Mexico is known for its sunny coasts. People go there to enjoy the sand and ocean waves.



Fishermen work along the coasts. They catch some of the world's best fish. Have you tried a fish taco? Tasty!



In from the coasts, mountains surround most of Mexico. Wild animals roam the forests there.



Much of Mexico is covered in desert plains. The land is dry, but many plants and animals find a way to live.

More About Mexico

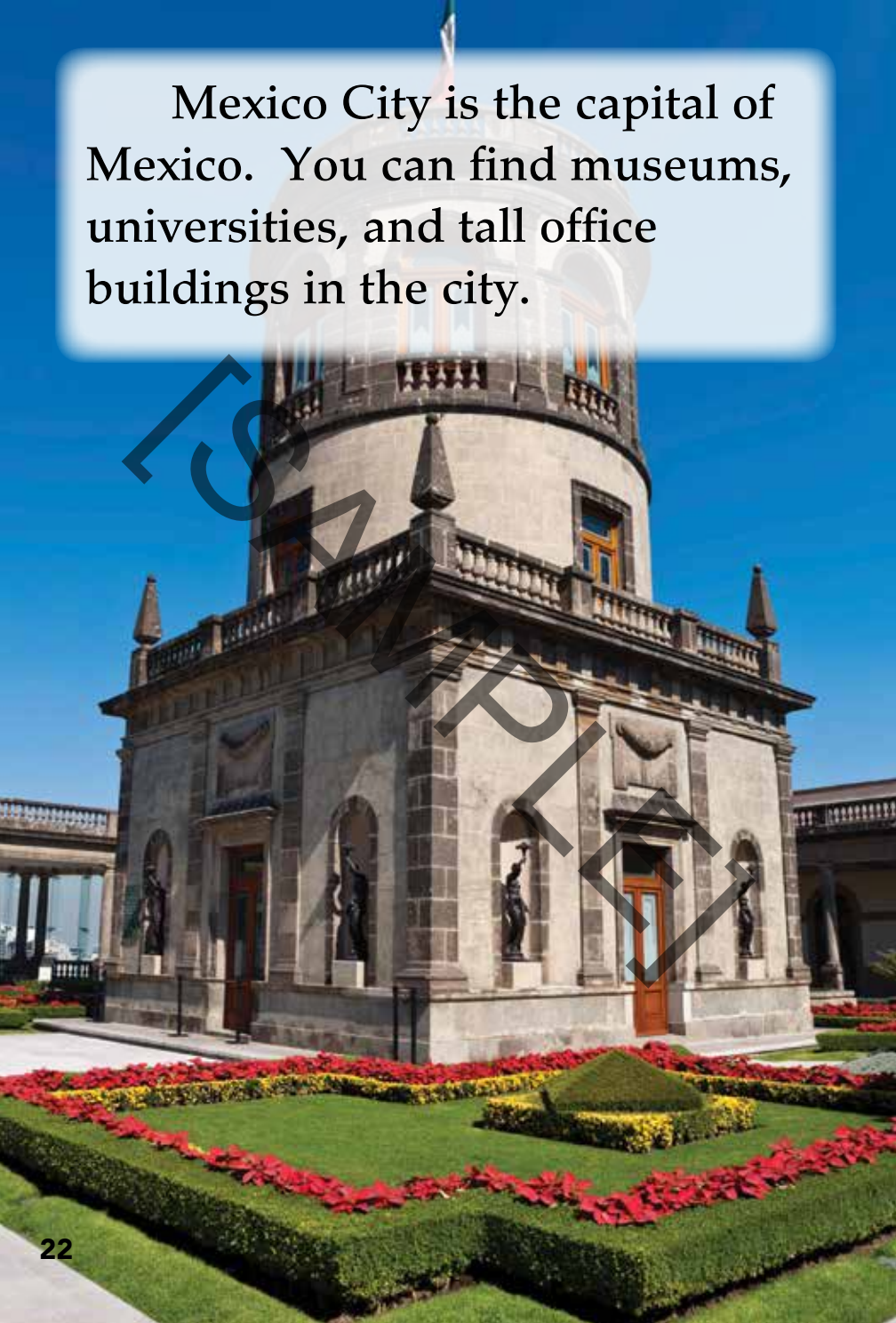


Some very old buildings can be found in Mexico. There are even **pyramids** there! People come from around the world to see them.




Mexico's true name is the United Mexican States. In Mexico, the people say *Estados Unidos Mexicanos*.

Mexico City is the capital of Mexico. You can find museums, universities, and tall office buildings in the city.



What else would you like to know about Mexico? This chart will tell you more important facts.

FACTS ABOUT MEXICO

Official Language:	Spanish
Leader:	president
Number of States:	31
Flag: 	3 stripes (green, white, red); eagle, snake, and a cactus in the center
Independence Day:	September 16
Major Religion:	Roman Catholic
Major Crops: 	corn, sugar, wheat, oranges, coffee
Money:	peso

Glossary



cactuses



cattle



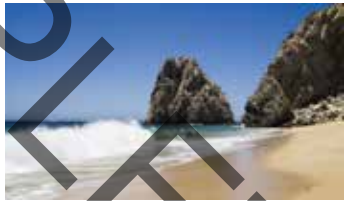
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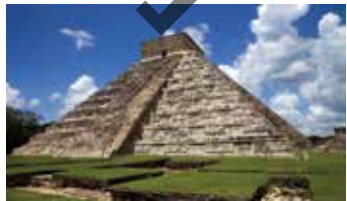
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pyramid

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