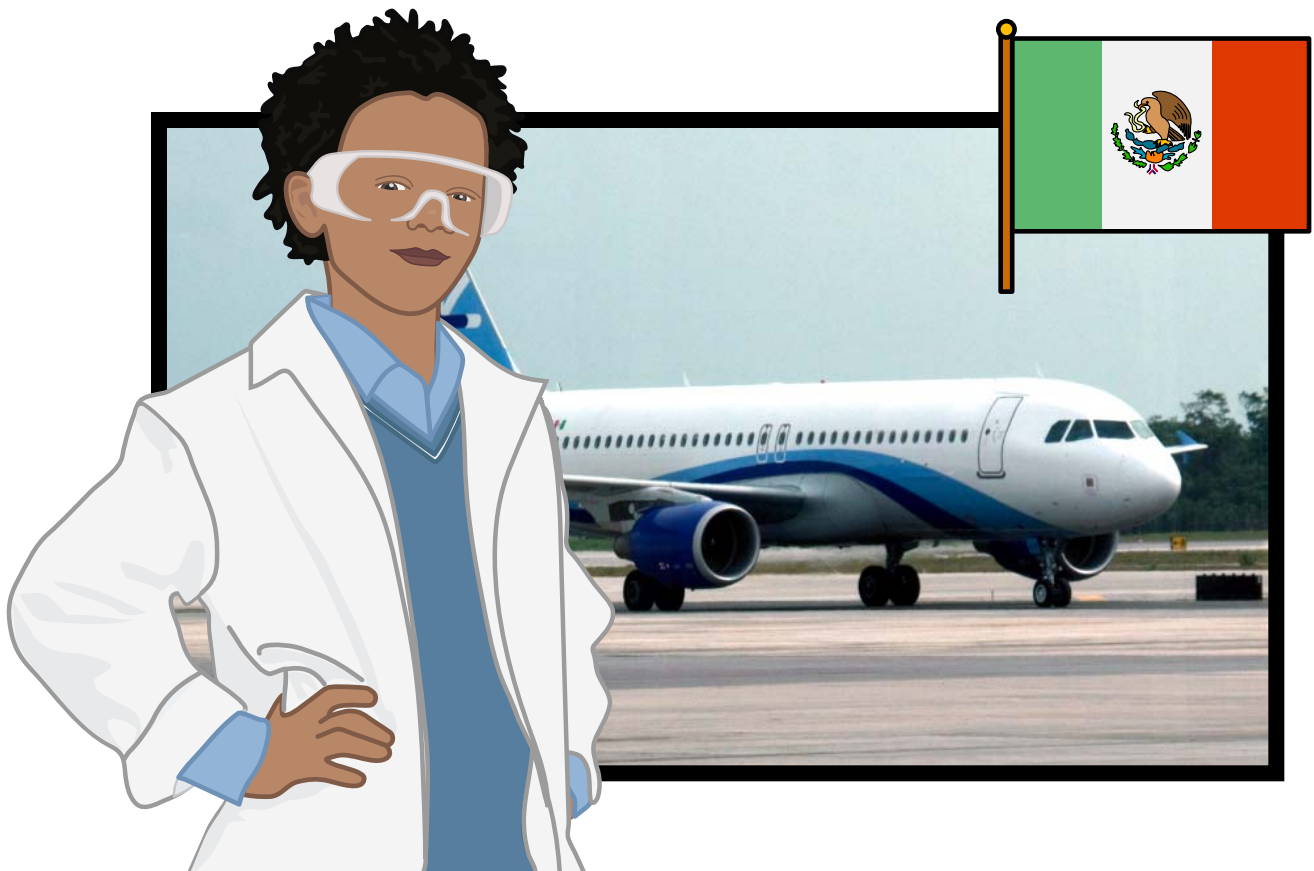


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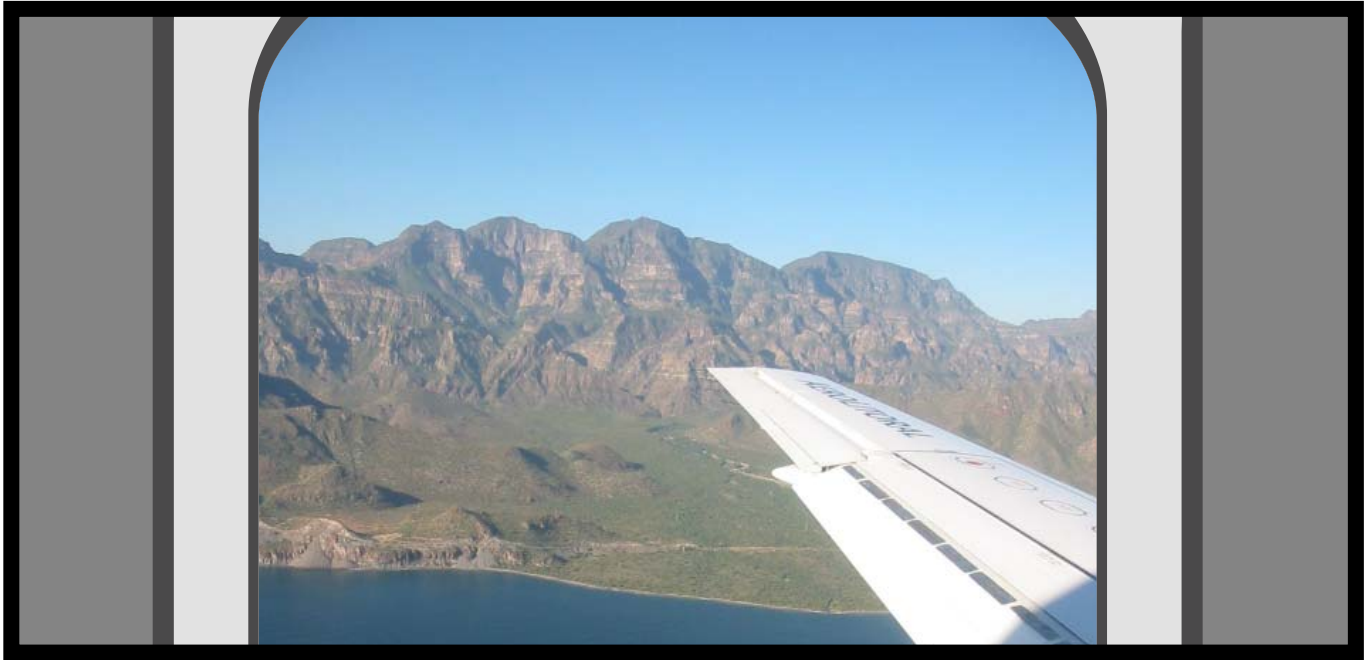
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Bind This End



Simon is flying to Cancun,  
Mexico. From his airplane window,  
Simon sees land. Simon sees  
water. Mexico has many different  
rivers, mountains, volcanoes,  
plateaus, peninsulas and deserts.



Simon can see many rivers from the airplane window. A river is a wide path of water with land on each side.

Simon sees the Rio Grande River.

The Rio Grande is on the border of Mexico and the United States.



Simon can see a desert from the airplane window. A desert is a large dry area of land. The Chihuahuana Desert is covered with sand and plants. Plants in this desert do not need much water to live.



Simon can see many tall mountains from the airplane window. Mountains are areas of land that are higher than the land around it. Simon sees high mountain peaks that are part of the Sierra Madre Occidental range.



Simon can see a plateau from the airplane window. A plateau is a raised area of land with a flat top. The Mexican Plateau covers much of Mexico. Mexico City, the country's capital, is on this plateau.



Simon can see a volcano from the airplane window. A volcano is an opening on the land's surface. Many volcanoes are on top of a mountain. Hot gases and melted rock can flow out of a volcano.



Simon can see a peninsula from the airplane window. A peninsula is a strip of land that projects into the water.

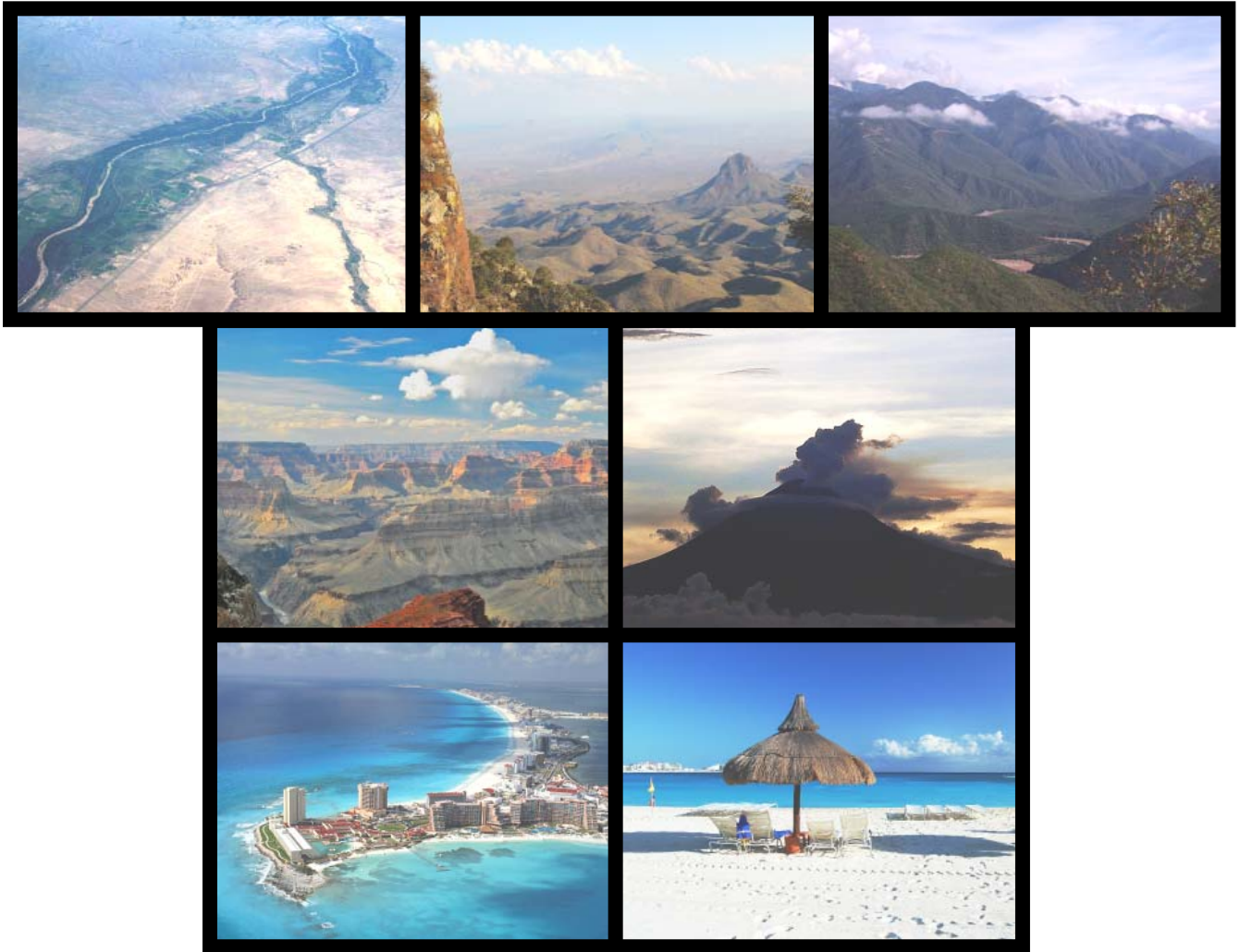
Simon sees the Yucatan Peninsula.

Simon sees the water around the peninsula. This is the Caribbean Sea that is part of the Atlantic Ocean. An ocean is a very large area of water.





Soon Simon's airplane will land in Cancun, which is on the Yucatan Peninsula. Simon will enjoy his vacation in Cancun sitting on the beach. A beach is a sandy area of land beside the ocean.



Mexico has many different rivers, mountains, volcanoes, plateaus, peninsulas, and deserts. But Simon's favorite may be the beach in Cancun!



# Simon Travels to Mexico



<p>see</p>	<p>wide</p>	<p>large</p>	<p>Simon</p>	<p>Cancun</p>	<p>Mexico</p>	<p>airplane</p>
<p>land</p>	<p>dry</p>	<p>tall</p>	<p>window</p>	<p>land</p>	<p>water</p>	<p>river</p>
	<p>raised</p>	<p>flat</p>	<p>mountain</p>	<p>volcano</p>	<p>plateau</p>	<p>peninsula</p>
	<p>hot</p>	<p>melted</p>	<p>desert</p>	<p>path</p>	<p>sand</p>	<p>top</p>
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