

Key Facts

- South America is surrounded by the South Pacific Ocean to the west and the Atlantic Ocean to the east.
- South America consists of 12 countries.
- The equator line runs through Brazil, Columbia and Ecuador.
- Brazil is the largest country, its capital city is Brasilia.
- South America is the 4th biggest continent
- The population of South America was recorded at over 387 million in 2010.
- The average life expectancy of a South American is 75 years.
- The climate is mainly tropical but as South America is so large it climate can vary.
- The Amazon rainforest is the largest tropical rainforest in the world and covers over half of Brazil.
- There are 4 layers to the Amazon Rainforest: emergent, canopy, understory and forest floor.
- The Amazon River is approximately 4,000 miles long and has 200 tributaries.
- The Andes is the worlds largest mountain range
- Rio de Janeiro is one of the most popular tourist destinations in the world and is famed for its Copacabana beach.
- Rio de Janeiro has the highest levels of poverty in South America. Places like Maré is known as a favela: a slum or shanty town.
- Maré is home to 132,000 and is bigger than 74 football pitches.
- 12% of people in Maré cannot read or write, residents are always under threat from violence and therefore going out to play is extremely dangerous.

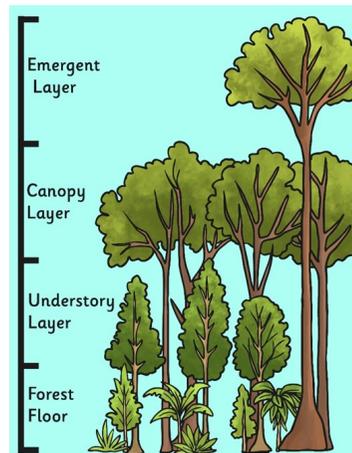
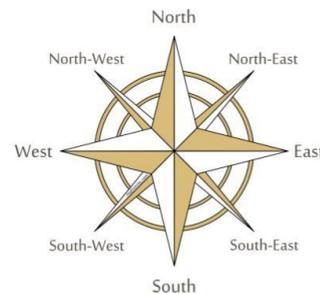


Geography

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Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Affluent	having plenty of money and expensive things
Biomes	A biome is a large region of Earth that has a particular climate and certain types of living things adapted to living there
Cold	This climate zone doesn't experience warm summers and has very cold winters
Dry	This climate zone is arid and usually has very little rainfall e.g. a desert
Human features	Features made by humans
Latitude	An imaginary line that runs the length of the Earth, measured in degrees east or south.
Longitude	An imaginary line that runs the distance of the Earth, measured in degrees east or west.
Physical features	Naturally occurring features, e.g. rivers, mountains, lakes
Polar	This climate zone has an average temperature of less than 10°C
Slum	a densely populated usually urban area marked by crowding and poverty
Temperate	Mild temperature, usually warm and sunny but not too hot.
Tropical	This climate zone usually experiences hot and humid weather

Knowledge and Understanding:

Children will learn:

- To learn how societies have been organised and governed in different ways and at different times, including in the present
- To learn how to distinguish between fact and opinion and make choices about sources of online information
- To learn about a range of geographical processes that cause change in the physical and human world in different places
- To learn how human patterns are influenced by both human and physical processes
- To learn about the factors that affect weather and climate
- To learn about ways in which environments can be managed sustainably and why this is important now and in the future



Key skills and concepts:

Children will be able to:

- To show directions
- To relate maps to photographs
- To read and interpret map, atlases and globes using a variety of scales
- To use a range of material to provide evidence of their findings
- To show an understanding of the difference in physical and human geography
- To read a compass (16 points)
- To show the difference in fact and opinion as well as cause and consequence
- To express and justify their own views on the issue

Key Questions

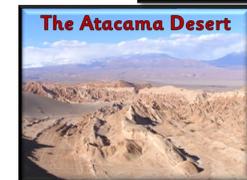
- Can you identify the difference between the human and physical features in South America?
- What is the difference between North and South America?
- What is the difference between continent, country, state and city?
- What is the difference between two countries in South America?
- What is your opinion about the difference between the slums and affluent areas in Brazil?

Key Landmarks

The Amazon Rainforest



The Amazon River



Andes Mountains

The Atacama Desert



Cape Horn

Christ the Redeemer



Machu Picchu

