

Brazil (South America) KS2 Knowledge Organiser

Vocabulary

South America

A continent in the Western Hemisphere, mostly in the Southern Hemisphere.

atlas

A collection of various maps of the earth or a specific region of the earth

landscape

All the visible features of an area of land.

climate

The weather conditions in an area in general or over a long period of time

rainforest

A dense forest rich in biodiversity, found typically in tropical areas with heavy rainfall.

latitude and longitude

The imaginary lines that run from the North Pole to the South Pole and parallel to the equator to locate specific places on the Earth.

deforestation

The action of clearing a wide area of trees for human purposes.

physical features

A natural **feature** on the surface of the Earth that has been formed by nature (water, mountains, and deserts)

human features

Features that are built by **humans** such as bridges and roads.

Indigenous people

people who have originated from a specific place or area and were the first group of people to live there.



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Knowledge about South America

1. There are 12 countries in South America and almost 400 million people live there.
2. Brazil is the largest country and covers almost half the continent. It is only slightly smaller than the USA.
3. South America's largest river is the Amazon, which is the second longest river in the world. However, the Amazon carries more water than any other river in the world.
4. Sao Paulo is the largest city with more than 20 million people living there.
5. Spanish is the most popular language in South America even though Brazilians speak Portuguese.
6. The Amazon rainforest covers 2.1 million square miles of South America and plays a vital role in the ecology of this region.

South American countries

There are 12 sovereign states:

- Brazil
- Argentina
- Chile
- Venezuela
- Colombia
- Peru
- Suriname
- Bolivia
- Uruguay
- Paraguay
- Guyana
- Ecuador

Plus, a part of France (French Guiana) and a non-sovereign area (the Falkland Islands, a British Overseas Territory though this is disputed by Argentina).