

Geography - South America - Year 5

Prior Learning:

- 7 continents of the world
- 5 oceans of the world

Key vocabulary

Northern hemisphere	The half of the Earth that is north of the Equator.
Southern hemisphere	The half of the Earth that is south of the Equator.
Climate	The usual weather conditions of a place
Capital city	City where the government of a country is based.
Tropical	Hot and humid region of the world
Physical features	A natural feature of a place.
Human feature	A manmade feature of a place
Region	Area of a continent or country
Latitude	Imaginary lines drawn on the planet's surface to show how far north or south of the Equator

Jobs in Geography

Cartographer – person who draws or produces maps

Map of the World (Continents and Oceans – shows area of study)

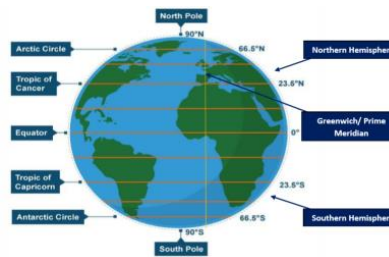










-South America is the fourth-largest continent in the world. It covers about 17.8 million km². It lies completely in the western hemisphere.

-South America is the fifth-most populous continent in the world – it has a population of around 420 million people (although over half of these people live in Brazil).

-The Equator cuts through the continent. Most of South America is in the southern hemisphere.

-Most of the people live on the east and west coasts; the southern coast and centre of the continent are sparsely populated.



	Human Feature				Physical Feature			
Europe	The Notting Hill Carnival		When? Usually August Bank Holiday	Key Fact: Taken place every year since 1966 in Kensington, London.	Danube Delta		Where? Mostly in Romania with a small part in Ukraine.	Key Fact: Best preserved wetland in Europe.
	Car trade		Where? Mainly Germany, Spain and France.	Key Fact: 80% of all cars made in UK are exported.	The Alps		Where? Stretches across 7 European countries.	Key Fact: Tallest mountain in Europe is Mont Blanc.
South America	The Rio Carnival		When? Friday before Ash Wednesday to Ash Wednesday	Key Fact: The Rio Carnival has taken place since 1723.	The Atacama Desert		Where? The Atacama Desert is in Chile	Key Fact: The Atacama Desert is one of the driest places in the world.
	Coffee Trade		Where? Mainly Brazil, Colombia and Peru	Key Fact: Brazil produces 2.5 million tonnes per year.	The Andes		Where? Through 7 different South American countries.	Key Fact: The range is about 7,000km long, extending north to south.

Key Learning

- South America is a continent with 12 countries in it.
- The Pacific Ocean is to the west, the Atlantic Ocean is to the east and the Southern Ocean is to the south.
- There are 5 time zones in South America.
- The largest river in the world (and second longest), the Amazon, flows through South America.
- The Equator runs through the countries of Ecuador, Brazil and Colombia.
- The climate zone for the rainforest is 'tropical wet' and the biome is 'tropical forest'.

Can I answer:

Name at least 5 countries in South America.

Which oceans influence South America's climate and economies?

Which is the largest river in the world?

What are lines of latitude?

What is the main climate of South America?