Knowledge Organiser

Year 6 World Knowledge

By the end of Year 6 you will need to:

* Be able to locate the world’s countries using maps to focus

on South America.

* The names of the countries in South America including capital cities and environmental regions.

# What should I already know?

* The country I live in is called England which is part of the United Kingdom.
* The UK is in Europe.
* The 7 continents and five oceans.

**Key vocabulary Definition**

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| Amazon Basin | The area drained by the River Amazon and all itstributaries |
| Amazon River | The longest river in South America. It flows throughPeru, Bolivia, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador and Brazil |
| Compass Points | Points on a magnetic compass marking the four main directions: North, South, East, West, and intermediatedirections. |
| Continent | Very large land mass with no standard definition: Europe, Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australasia, North America orSouth America |
| Latitude | Imaginary horizontal line used to show NSS position onthe Earth’s surface |
| Longitude | Imaginary vertical line used to show E-W position on theEarth’s surface |
| Mountain | large landform, often with a peak, rising high above thesurrounding area |
| Mountain Range | A chain of mountains |
| Physical Feature | Naturally occurring, e.g. rivers, mountains, lakes |
| River | Natural watercourse flowing downhill towards a river,ocean or lake |
| Slum | A densely populated and run down area of a city, usuallyassociated with poverty |
| Source | The original point where a river begins |
| Tributary | A river or stream that flows into a larger river |
| Village | Place where people live, smaller than a town |
| Rainforest | A luxuriant, dense forest rich in biodiversity, foundtypically in tropical areas with consistently heavy rainfall. |

# I need to know:

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| **South America** is the fourth largest continent in size. With a population of over 400 million. |
| **Countries** | There are **12 countries in South America** (see list on the right) and **3 dependencies** with a total of **more than 385 million people** living on the continent. |
| **Largest Country** | Brazil. The country is covering more than half the continent's landmass. |
| **Largest City** | Sao Paolo in Brazil. With more than 20 million inhabitants (2014) Sao Paulo is also one of the 10 biggest cities in the world |
| **Smallest Country** | Suriname. The country is one of the 10 most sparsely populated countries in the world |
| **Biggest Island** | Tierra del Fuego (Spanish meaning: Land of Fire), at the southern tip of [Argentina](https://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/argentina-facts.html) and [Chile](https://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/chile-facts.html) |
| **Longest River** | Amazon River (6,437metres/4,000miles). The Amazon is not only the second longest river in the world after the Nile, but also the Amazon carries more water than the world's other 10 biggest rivers combined! |
| **Highest Mountain** | Aconcagua in Argentina. The mountain (6,961metres/22,837ft) is located in the Andesmountain range. |

<https://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/south-america-facts.html>

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