

Knowledge organiser – South America Amazon Basin

What will we be learning?

- The location of The Amazon and its significance.
- The importance of the Amazon Basin and Rainforest.
- What the threats to the Amazon are.
- The human and physical features of Manaus.
- Similarities and differences between the Amazon Basin, south east Brazil and where we live.

Key facts

The 12 independent countries of South America:

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

Key knowledge

South America's biggest country is Brazil. Here you'll find the Amazon Rainforest, home to a huge number of animals, plants and insects.

Deforestation is a threat to the Amazon Rainforest. A lot of forest has been destroyed, for example to make space for cattle ranches, from which beef is exported worldwide.

Manaus is a city in the heart of the Amazon Rainforest region and sits on the Rio Negro, one of two major rivers that flow into the River Amazon.



| Place names | Geographical terms and processes | Locational terms |
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| Amazon Basin Bolivia Brazil Ecuador Peru Venezuela | agriculture ecosystem food chain humidity river basin volume | equatorial International Date Line longitude Prime Meridian Tropic of Capricorn Western Hemisphere |

Glossary

agriculture: *farming*

drainage: *how water flows away from an area through rivers and streams*

equatorial: *the hot, wet climate in areas close to the Equator*

river basin: *the area of land drained by a river and all its tributaries*