

Year 6 - South America

Key Vocabulary

agriculture	Agriculture is another word for farming .
Southern hemisphere	Half of the Earth that is south of the Equator .
climate	The regular pattern of weather conditions of a particular place.
population	The people that live in a place.
Physical feature	A natural feature of a place.
Human feature	A man-made feature of a place.
Equator	An imaginary line around the middle of the Earth at an equal distance from the North and the South Pole.

Sticky Knowledge

- To know that South America is a continent in the Southern Hemisphere
- To know that South America is home to the world's largest river by volume, the Amazon River
- To know that South America is made up of 12 countries and 2 separate territories
- To know that there are several different climates in South America and the continent has rainforests, deserts, mountainous regions and glaciers
- To know that the Andes is the longest and one of the highest mountain ranges in the world and runs down the west side of South America
- To know that South America's biggest industry is agriculture and foods such as grapes, avocados and citrus fruits are exported from South American countries
- To know that South America is famous for its coffee and cacao beans

Key Facts

- 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 coast; the southern coast and centre of the continent are sparsely populated.



Physical Geography Features

The Amazon River	The Amazon River is the longest river in South America, and by some definitions the world. It has a huge volume, discharging 20% of all river discharge into the ocean in the world!	
The Atacama Desert	The Atacama Desert in Chile is one of the driest places in the world. There are some places where there has been no recorded rainfall.	
The Andes	The Andes are the tallest mountains in South America (and in the world after the mountain ranges in Asia) running 7 different South American countries. The world's highest volcanoes are in the Andes.	
The Amazon Rainforest	The Amazon Rainforest is the largest rainforest in the world. The rainforest is about 5.5 million km ² across nine different nations.	