



Year 6 Geography Summer 1



Environmental regions

Fertile lowland - Pampas

Mountains – The Andes

Desert – Atacama Desert (driest desert in the world)

Rainforest - Amazon Basin

Facts about South America

- South America is a **continent**.
- It has **12 countries** plus **2 regions** that belong to European countries: (1) The Falkland Islands, which is a British territory, and (2) French Guiana, which is owned by France.
- The **equator** runs through the north of the continent.
- The country **Ecuador** literally means equator in Spanish.
- Most of the continent is in the **southern hemisphere**.
- All countries in South America speak Spanish apart from Brazil, where they speak Portuguese. -- Brazil was **colonised by the Portuguese** in 1530. It regained **independence** in 1822.
- Brazil shares a **border** with every country in South America apart from Chile and Ecuador.
- The **capital city is Brasilia**, but the cities of Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro are more famous.
- **Over half the population** of South America live in Brazil.



Brazil is the largest country in South America and the 5th largest in the world. It covers nearly half the entire continent.

Human Geography: The study of the interrelationships between people, place, and environment, and how these vary between locations.

- The Christ the Redeemer statue overlooks Rio de Janeiro.
- This city is also home to the world's largest **carnival**, celebrated at the beginning of Lent.
- The main religion is Christianity.

Physical Geography: The study of the processes that shape the Earth's surface, the animals and plants that inhabit it, and the spatial patterns they exhibit.

- Northern Brazil is dominated by the **Amazon River** and the jungles that surround it.
- The Amazon is not one river but a network of many hundreds of waterways.
- Its total length stretches **6,840km**.
- Thousands of species live in the river, including the infamous piranha and the boto, or pink river dolphin.

VOCABULARY

Archipelago: a chain or group of **islands**

Pico da Neblina: the highest peak in Brazil, 2,995.3 metres above sea level

Sambodromo a purpose-built stadium constructed specially to host the annual parade of Samba Schools each year during the festival of Carnival in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The Quechua people: a series of indigenous tribes that live in the Andean mountains of South America

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