



South America and Rio

In this unit the children will learn:

- To identify South America on a map.
- Name some countries and cities in South America
- To compare time differences between cities in South America and the UK.
- know some ways in which Brazil is similar to, or different from, my own country.
- use photographs and information to describe what daily life in Rio is like.



Geographical Skills and Concepts:

Locational Knowledge – we will be able to use maps to locate and identify South America. We will also be able to identify some of the countries within South America. We will be able to name some of the cities.

Human and Physical Geography – we will be able to describe and explain the key information relating to South America and comparing it to the UK. We will use our knowledge of the physical and human features of Rio to deduce what daily life would be like.

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork – we will use a range of maps, atlases, globes, digital mapping to locate and describe different countries and cities in South America. We will also use these sources to deduce what daily life is like in Rio.

10 Largest Countries in South America:

- 1) Brazil
- 2) Argentina
- 3) Peru
- 4) Colombia
- 5) Bolivia
- 6) Venezuela
- 7) Chile
- 8) Paraguay
- 9) Ecuador
- 10) Guyana

**Key facts:**

South America is the world's fourth largest continent. The countries of South America are also part of a larger cultural region known as **Latin America**, in which most of the people speak Spanish or Portuguese.

South America's biggest country is Brazil. Here you'll find the Amazon Rainforest, home to a huge number of animals, plants and insects. As part of this unit, we build on the children's previous learning in Y4 about the rainforests.

Brazil is the world's seventh largest economy. It is rich in natural resources such as Iron ore. They are also one of the largest exporters of coffee, beef, sugar and orange juice. The capital city of Brazil is Brasilia.

A key landmark in Rio de Janeiro is the large statue of Christ the Redeemer. It stands on top of Mount Corcovado, overlooking Rio, and is 98 feet tall.



Place names	Geographical terms and processes	Locational terms
Brasilia Cerro Aconcagua Lake Titicaca La Paz São Paulo Ushuaia	equatorial region manufacturing mining population trade	latitude longitude Northern Hemisphere Southern Hemisphere time zone Tropic of Capricorn Western Hemisphere

Glossary:

culture: *how a group of people does things as part of their way of life*

manufacturing: *making things, for example, in factories*

recreation: *enjoyable activities, such as swimming or listening to music*

trade: *exchanging goods or services, usually for money*

Useful Websites:

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

<https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/South-America/353792>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zvvmjvhv>

<https://teachers.thenational.academy/units/building-locational-knowledge-south-america-f4d0>