



Year 5 South America



Sticky Knowledge

- There are 13 countries in South America and almost 400 million people live there.
- Brazil is the largest country and covers almost half the continent. It is only slightly smaller than the USA.
- South America's largest river is the Amazon, which is the second longest river in the world. However, the Amazon carries more water than any other river in the world.
- Sao Paulo is the largest city with more than 20 million people living there.
- Spanish is the most popular language in South America even though Brazilians speak Portuguese.
- The Incas were the largest group of indigenous people in South America when the Europeans arrived.



South American Countries

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



Key Vocabulary

tropics	Parts of the world that lie between two lines of latitude, the Tropic of Cancer , $23\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ north of the equator , and the Tropic of Capricorn , $23\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ south of the equator. The tropics have a humid climate, where the weather is hot and damp.
equator	An imaginary line around the middle of the Earth at an equal distance from the North Pole and the South Pole.
prime meridian	The line of longitude which goes through Greenwich and from which time is measured.
Tropic of Cancer	The most northerly line of latitude to experience overhead Sun in summer.
Tropic of Capricorn	The most southerly line of latitude to experience overhead Sun in summer.
pampas	The pampas are fertile South American lowlands that cover more than $750,000\text{km}^2$
anaconda snake	Anacondas are semiaquatic snakes found in tropical South America. They are some of the largest snakes in the world.
Andes	The Andes are the world's longest continental mountain range. They lie as a continuous chain of highland along the western coast of South America.
Lake Titicaca	Lake Titicaca straddles the border between Peru and Bolivia in the Andes Mountains and is one of South America's largest lakes.
Incas	The Incas, an American indigenous people, were originally a small tribe in the southern highlands of Peru.
Atacama Desert	The Atacama Desert is one of the driest places in the world. It has a stony terrain.