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| **Key Vocabulary** | |
| **A two buildings with flags  Description automatically generated with medium confidencecity** | a large town |
| **A green and black map  Description automatically generatedstate** | a nation or territory considered as an organized political community under one government. |
| **A building and flag on flags  Description automatically generated with medium confidencecountry** | a nation with its own government, occupying a particular territory. |
| **A green and green map  Description automatically generatedcontinent** | any of the world's main continuous expanses of land (Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America, Australia, Antarctica). |
| **North America**  **A close-up of a flag  Description automatically generated** | the northern portion of the continent. It includes the world's largest island Greenland and the sovereign states of Canada, the United States, and Mexico. |
| **South America** | a continent entirely in the Western Hemisphere and mostly in the Southern Hemisphere. It includes 14 countries including Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru, |
| **compass** | A compass is a tool for finding direction. A simple compass is a magnetic needle mounted on a pivot, or short pin. |
| **A globe with arrows pointing to the earth  Description automatically generatedcompass points** | The directions on the compass. The 4 main points are North, South, East and West. Halfway between each of these is North-East, South-East, South-West and North-West. |
| **equator** | an imaginary line around the middle of a planet or other celestial body. It is halfway between the North Pole and the South Pole, at 0 degrees latitude. |
| **A grey and white sphere  Description automatically generatedhemisphere** | is half of a sphere, or ball. People use the word to describe one half of Earth. These are the Northern and Southern hemispheres. |
| A close-up of a football ball  Description automatically generated**Biome** | is a large area on Earth where certain types of plants and animals live, and the climate is similar |
| **Tourism** | is when people travel to different places for fun, to explore, or to relax. |



**The Americas Knowledge Organiser**

We will be learning about the North and South American continents

**Key concept:** Investigating Places



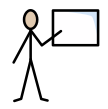
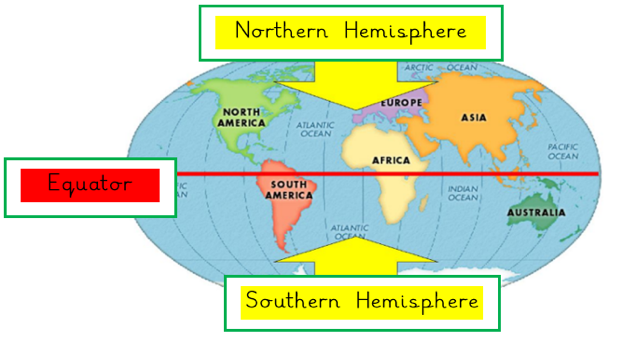


Map of South America

**What will I learn?**

By the end of this topic, I will know:

* how to distinguish between the key terms such as ‘continent’, ‘country’, ‘state’ and ‘city’
* how to identify key cities and states in North and South America
* how to use images, interactive maps and atlases to research key cities, compare the built environments and settings, through them, identify some key regions of the American continents

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Careers linked to this unit of learning:

Travel journalist Environmentalist Teacher Environment Lawyer

Map of North

America

**Did you know?**

* There are 50 states in the United States of America.
* South America has 14 countries including: Brazil has the largest population of all countries in South America with 212,559,417 people!

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