



Geography focus

South America

Year 6

Spring Term

What? (Key Knowledge)

Key Knowledge

Capital cities

Brazil—Brasilia
 Argentina—Buenos Aires
 Peru—Lima
 Colombia—Bogotá
 Chile—Santiago
 Venezuela—Caracas

South American Climate

South America is a huge continent and so the climate can vary depending on where you are. Most of South America is warm for most of the year. The climate is generally tropical so it never gets too cold, but there are higher areas where it does get cold and the temperature drops below freezing

Key Facts

- South America is the 4th biggest continent.
- The population of South America was recorded at over 387 million in 2010.
- The average life expectancy of a South American is 75 years
- Atacama desert is the driest place in South America
- Angel Falls are the world's highest waterfalls
- Amazon River Basin is the world's largest river basin
- The Andes are the world's longest mountain range

Possible experiences

- South America topic day
- Food tasting

Diagrams and symbols



What? (Key Vocabulary)

Tropic of Cancer

The tropics are two imaginary lines that circle the globe mark the boundaries of the tropics. The line called the Tropic of Cancer marks the northern edge.

Tropic of Capricorn

The line called the Tropic of Capricorn marks the southern edge.

climate

The usual or average weather conditions over a long period of time.

continent

A large landmass made up of many countries

country

An area that is controlled by its own government.

equator

An imaginary line around the globe at latitude 0 degrees north, dividing the earth into northern and southern hemispheres.

latitude

Imaginary parallel lines which circle the globe from east to west

longitude

Imaginary lines which run north to south across the globe from pole to pole.

weather

The specific atmospheric conditions on a given day including temperature and rainfall.

human geography

Features of an environment that have been shaped by people.

physical geography

The natural features of a place or environment.

capital city

A capital is a city where a region's government is located. This is where government buildings are and where government leaders work.

