

SOUTH AMERICA

In this unit, you will learn how to locate different countries in South America using a map. You will learn how different the climates are in this continent as well as an understanding of the different goods that are manufactured and mined across South America.

South America is the fourth largest continent in the world. It is home to the largest volume river in the world – Amazon River.

South America is made up of twelve different countries. It is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean on the east coast and the Pacific Ocean on the west coast.

The people of South America speak many different languages, many were influenced by the settlers from Europe. Languages include English, French, Spanish and Portuguese. There are also many different indigenous languages spoken there too.

Vocabulary:

Physical geography - looks at the physical structures and workings of the natural world, for example, mountains, seas, oceans, glaciers, rivers and so on.

Human geography - explores the people, communities and culture of different places and countries.

Settlements - places where people establish communities.

Economics - how things are produced and consumed as well as bought and sold.

Population - the inhabitants of a particular place.

Life Expectancy - the average time a person may expect to live.

Currency - a system of money in general use in a particular country.



Amazon River (left)
Brazilian Rainforest
(right)



Topographical - relating to the arrangement or accurate representation of the physical features of an area.

Capital city - the city or town that functions as the seat of government and administrative centre of a country or region.

Climate - the weather conditions prevailing in an area in general or over a long period.

Geographical skills:

- **Map work** – using Atlas, understanding grid and index references;
- **Digital technology** – using google maps and locating topographical features.