

Year 4 Geography Knowledge Mat South America

Subject Specific Vocabulary		Sticky Knowledge	Concepts
Northern Hemisphere	The half of the Earth that is north of the Equator.	South America is located primarily in the southern hemisphere. It is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the east and the Pacific Ocean to the west	Location
Southern Hemisphere	The half of the Earth that is south of the Equator.	South America is home to the Amazon Rainforest. It is the largest tropical rainforest in the world and is important for the role that it plays in absorbing carbon dioxide and producing oxygen.	
Land use	The way that land is used e.g. farming.	The River Amazon flows through Brazil, which is the longest river in the world. Animals such as jaguars, sloths and piranhas live in the river and the jungle around it.	Place
Population	The people that live in a place.		Human Human
Climate Zone	Are ways of classifying the world's climates. For example, Tropical. Around the Equator we have tropical climates which are hot and humid, this is where you'll find the world's	As well as the Amazon rainforest and the high mountains of the Andes, South America is home to some spectacular waterfalls. Angel Falls in Venezuela is the highest waterfall in the world, measuring almost 1 km (0.6 mi) from top to	Processes Skills
	rainforests.	bottom. Brazil is the largest country in South America. Brazil's capital city is called Rio de Janeiro.	- Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer
Global Warming	Is the long-term rise in the average temperature of the Earth's climate system.	Tourists visiting South America can surf at Copacabana Beach, play	mapping to locate continents, countries,
Tropical	Very hot and humid.	football in the sun, walk up Sugarloaf Mountain and join in the Rio Carnival.	mountain ranges, capitals, rivers and oceans of South
Fertile	Land that is good for growing plants.	Pacific Out Analysis	America.
Rainforest	A tropical forest, usually of tall, densely growing, broad-leaved evergreen trees in an area of high annual rainfall.	South America has a population of 422.5 million.	- Ask Geographical questions and use geographical vocabulary.

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Prior Learning

Our Earth

I have already learned about the continents and oceans of the world. I have studied time zones and climate.



Local/National

In this unit, we will learn about the diverse continent of South America including the human and physical features of different countries. We will locate countries, cities, oceans and mountains using maps and atlases. We will learn about the River Amazon, the Angel Falls and the Amazon Rainforest.

Unit Objective

Human and physical geography Describe and understand key aspects of: human and physical geography.

Geographical Skills

Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied.

