

Important Topic Vocabulary

agriculture - Agriculture is farming and the methods that are used to raise and look after crops and animals

Amazon Basin - A part of South America drained by the Amazon River. Most of it is covered by the Amazon Rainforest.

Brazilian Highlands - A mountainous region covering much of Eastern and Southern Brazil.

favelas - A shanty or shantytown in Brazil

human feature - Features created when humans have changed the land in some way (human-made).

Pantanal - The world's largest tropical wetland.

temperate - Used to describe a climate which is never extremely hot or extremely cold

physical feature - The natural environment including weather, climate and bodies of water.

urbanisation - When people move from a rural area to an urban area.



Amazon Basin



Pantanal (wetlands)



Brazilian Highlands

What you should already know:

There are 7 continents in the world; Asia, North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Australasia, Antarctica.

The earth is split into the Northern and Southern Hemisphere. South America is a continent in the Southern Hemisphere. The Equator runs through the centre of the Earth and countries closer to it are hotter.

There are four seasons: winter, autumn, spring and summer.

London is the capital city of the United Kingdom.

Country	Capital
United Kingdom	London
France	Paris
Spain	Madrid
Italy	Rome
Germany	Berlin
Belgium	Brussels
Russia	Moscow
Iceland	Reykjavik
Greece	Athens

Brazil has many different landscapes. These include the Amazon Basin, Pantanal (wetlands) and the Brazilian highlands.



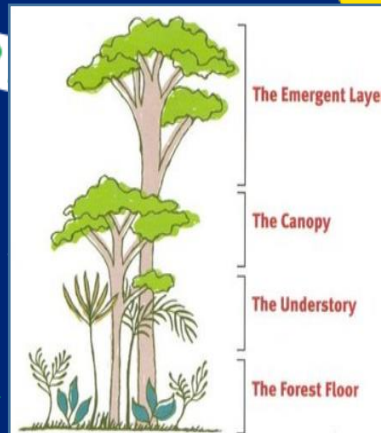
This is a map of South America. Brazil is the largest country in South America.

It shares a border with 10 other countries in South America. What are their names?

	<u>Brazil</u>	<u>England</u>
Continent	South America	Europe
Capital city	Brasilia	London
Language	Portuguese	English
Population	216 million	68.6 million
Climate	Tropical – same throughout the year	Temperate - varies throughout the year.
Hemisphere	Southern	Northern
Religion	Predominantly Christian	Predominantly Christian
Currency	Brazilian Real	British Pound

The Amazon Rainforest is the largest rainforest in the world, it covers around 64% of Brazil.

There are 4 main layers to a rainforest which can be seen in this diagram.



Did you know?

Brazil is the fifth largest country in the world by area and population.

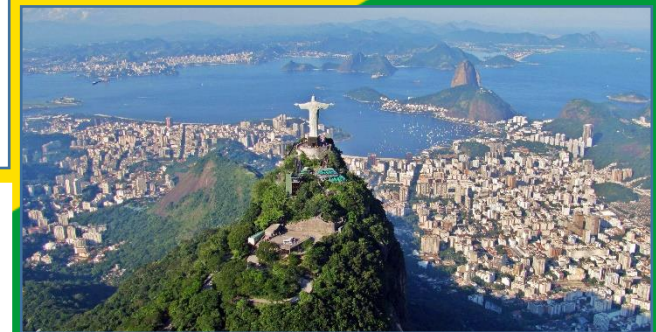
Brazil is known as a developing country.

Brazil is mainly in the Southern Hemisphere but the Equator passes through the North of Brazil.



These are favelas in Brazil. They are poor houses in the major cities in Brazil such as Rio de Janeiro.

Favelas are made from scraps of wood, metal and brick. They often don't have running water or electricity and are a really unsafe place to live.



This is Rio de Janeiro. It is a city in Brazil that has a high population increase over recent years due to people moving from rural to urban areas. This is called urbanisation.

The Northern and Southern Hemisphere have opposite seasons. So, when it is summer in the Northern Hemisphere, it is winter in the Southern Hemisphere.