

Key Knowledge:

Overview- Brazil

- Brazil is a large **country** in South America.
- Brazil is in the **continent** of South America.
- Brazil has a coastline on the **Atlantic Ocean**.
- Brazil has a variety of landscapes including: rainforests, grasslands, mountains and deserts.
- The **equator** runs through the north of Brazil. This means Brazil has warm weather and does not have clear seasons like the **UK**.
- The currency of Brazil is 'real' (pronounced ray-al). One real is about the same as 30p.

Important Cities

Brasilia	• Brasilia is the capital city of Brazil. • Although it is the capital city Brasilia is not the biggest city in Brazil.
São Paulo	• São Paulo is the largest city in Brazil. • 11 million people live in the city of São Paulo. • Famous landmarks in São Paulo include: ◦ São Paulo Cathedral. ◦ Pico do Jaraguá Mountain- the highest mountain in the city. ◦ The parque Hopi Hari and theme park in the city.
Rio de Janeiro	• Rio de Janeiro is the second largest city in Brazil. • The city is famous around the world and known as 'Rio' for short. • Rio de Janeiro held the Olympic games in 2016. • Famous landmarks in Rio de Janeiro include: ◦ Christ the Redeemer statue. ◦ Tijuca Forest- A rainforest created and planted by people. ◦ Copacabana beach.

Famous Landmarks, Physical features and events.

 Christ the Redeemer	• Christ the Redeemer statue is a famous religious statue in Rio de Janeiro. • The is 30m high and is of Jesus Christ. • The statue is set on the top of Corcovado Mountain.
Amazon Rainforest	• The Amazon rainforest is the largest tropical rainforest in the world. • Half of the Amazon rainforest is in Brazil.
Amazon River	• The Amazon River is the second longest river in the world. • The River runs across northern Brazil.
 Carnival	• Brazil is famous for its carnavals. • Although carnavals are held all around the country the most famous carnival happens in Rio de Janeiro. • The carnival lasts for 3 days. • Rio is filled with dancing, music, singing and lots of street parades showcasing colourful costumes and floats. • Dancers perform samba dancing during the carnival.

Diagrams or Maps.



Comparison between Brazil and England.

Map of Brazil	Map of the UK including England
	
Flag of Brazil	Flag of England
	
Key facts about Brazil	Key facts about England
Name of country: Brazil	Name of country: England
Continent: South America	Continent: Europe
Capital city: Brasilia	Capital city: London
Population: 210 million people	Population: 55 million people
Main language spoken: Portuguese	Main language spoken: English
Famous landmarks: Christ the Redeemer in Rio de Janeiro & Amazon Rainforest.	Famous Landmarks: Big Ben & Buckingham Palace.
Important River: Amazon River,	Important River: River Thames.
Traditional food: a stew of beans with beef and pork called Feijoada (pronounced: fey-jwah-duh)	Traditional food: Fish and chips.
Weather: Summer- December to February (hot and rainy). Winter: Warm all through winter.	Weather: Summer- June to August (mostly hot and sunny). Winter: cold, wet and snowy.

Key Vocabulary:

Brazil	a large country in South America
capital city	the city where the government sits.
city	a large town. London is a city .
Brasilia	the capital city of Brazil .
Rio de Janeiro	a famous city in Brazil .
São Paulo	the biggest city on Brazil .
carnival	an annual festival involving precessions, music, costumes and dancing.
map	a diagram of an area of land or sea.
flag	a piece of cloth which can be attached to a pole and which is used as a symbol of a particular country .
country	an area of land that is controlled by its own government.
continent	a very large area of land that consists of many countries . South America is a continent .
equator	the middle point around the Earth between the North and South poles.
ocean	one of the five very large areas of salt water on the Earth's surface.
The UK (United Kingdom)	The UK , is officially known as the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It includes England , Scotland , Wales and Northern Ireland .
landmark	an object or feature that is easily seen and recognised.
population	the number of people living in a certain place.
Olympic games	a worldwide sports competition, which takes place every 4 years in a different country .
port	a town or city with a harbour .
harbour	a safe place for ships can dock to unload goods or passengers.

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork

- Use a map or atlas to find the country of Brazil.
- Name some important and famous human and physical features of Brazil.
- Compare Brazil to England. What is the same and what is different?

Key Knowledge:

Overview- Rainforests and Rivers.

Rainforests.

- Rainforests are large forests that have tall trees, warm weather and lots of different species of animals and plants.
- They are called rainforests because they get lots of rain.
- They are found in hot places such as Africa, Asia and South America.
- Rainforests produce the air we need to breathe.
- We get many things from rainforests including: medicine, food, and rubber.

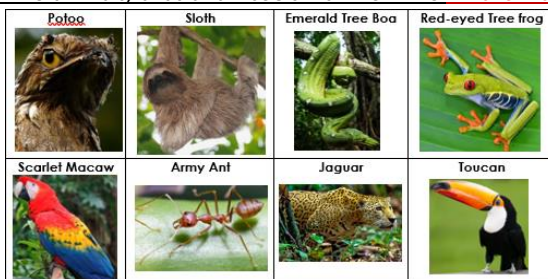
Rivers.

- Rivers are a large natural stream of fresh water that flows into the sea.
- Rivers begin at a source; this can be melted snow or ice from a mountain or rainwater running down the land.
- Rivers carry water all around the world and are vital for life.
- They are habitats for lots of plants and animals.

The Amazon Rainforest

- The Amazon Rainforest is the largest tropical rainforest in the world.
- Over half of the rainforest is in Brazil.
- Over 40,000 plant species live in the rainforest.
- 2,000 animals' species live in the rainforest.
- 2.5 million insect species live in the Amazon Rainforest.
- Some tribes of people live in the rainforest.
- The rainforest used to be much bigger, but humans have cut many trees of the rainforest down to use for building and to make space for houses. The cutting down of rainforests is called deforestation.

Some of the animals, birds and insects that live in the Amazon rainforest:



The Amazon River

- The Amazon River is the second longest river in the world.
- It carries the largest amount of water of any river in the world.
- The source of the river is formed by melting ice in the mountains of Peru.
- The Amazon River flows through these countries; Brazil, Ecuador, Bolivia, Colombia, Peru and Venezuela.
- The river flows into the Atlantic Ocean.
- The Amazon River flows through the Amazon Rainforest, providing water and nutrients for the animals and plants living there.

Some of the animals that live in the Amazon river:



Diagrams and Maps.

Map of Amazon Rainforest.

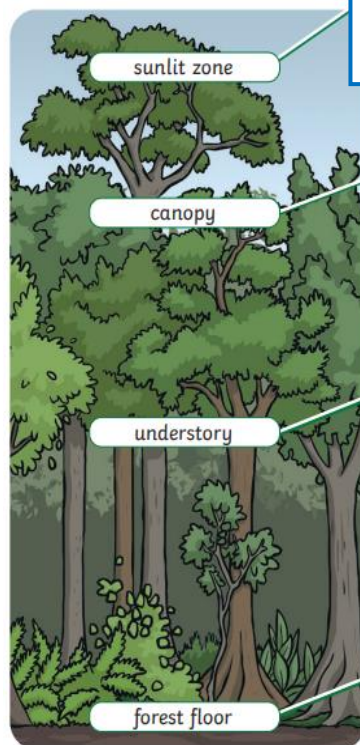


Map of the Amazon River.



The Layers of the Rainforest.

Rainforests have different layers. Different animals, plants and insects live in each layer.



The **sunlit zone** is also called the emergent layer. This zone has the tallest trees. It is hot, wet and windy here. Butterflies, bats, monkeys and birds live here.

The **canopy** where the branches and leaves are so close together, they touch and join to form a kind of umbrella. Lots of animals live here including toucans and sloths.

The **understory** is under the canopy. It does not get a lot of sunlight. Lots of insects live here as well as jaguars and frogs.

The **forest floor** is dark, damp and hot. Very little sun reaches the ground as the leaves block it. Tapirs and Wild boar live here.

Key Vocabulary:

Brazil	a large country in South America
Rainforest	a large forest with tall trees, warm weather and lots of rain fall.
river	a large, natural stream of fresh water that flows into the sea or a lake.
Amazon Rainforest	The largest tropical rainforest in the world. It is in the continent of South America.
Amazon River	The second largest river in the world. The Amazon river is in the continent of South America.
map	a diagram of an area of land or sea.
ocean	one of the five very large areas of salt water on the Earth's surface.
equator	the middle point around the Earth between the North and South poles.
vegetation	a group of plants.
species	a group or type of the same animal.
deforestation	the cutting down or clearing of a large area of trees.
habitat	the natural home of an animal or plant.
country	an area of land that is controlled by its own government.
continent	a very large area of land that consists of many countries. South America is a continent.

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork

- Using a map or atlas, locate the Amazon Rainforest and Amazon River.
- Observe aerial photographs or Google Earth to look at the Amazon River and Rainforest.
- Use images and maps to compare how the Amazon Rainforest used to look compared to now.