



Key Facts:

Largest country: Brazil

Largest city: Sao Paulo in Brazil

Highest mountain: Aconcagua in Brazil

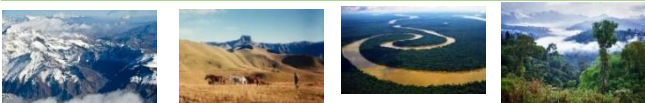
Wettest place: Amazon rainforest

Driest place: Atacama Desert in Chile.

Key issues: Urbanisation and deforestation



Map



Vocabulary:

Biome	A large area characterised by its vegetation, soil, climate, and wildlife. Examples include: aquatic, grassland, forest, desert, and tundra.
Climate zone	Areas of the world that have similar temperature and weather patterns. The three main climate zones are polar, temperate and tropical.
Urbanisation	the process through which cities grow, and higher and higher percentages of the population comes to live in the city.
Deforestation	Deliberate clearing of forested land
Trade	Buying and selling goods or services.

Human Geography

The continent of South America is divided into 12 countries: Brazil, Argentina, Peru, Colombia, Bolivia, Venezuela, Chile, Paraguay, Ecuador, Guyana, Uruguay, Suriname.

The major religion is Catholicism.

The continent's different languages reflect its history of colonisation:



Physical Geography

South America has four main biomes: mountains, deserts, grasslands and rainforests

The Andes mountain range runs the length of its western edge.

It is home the world's largest river (the Amazon) and driest desert (the Atacama).