

## 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



Brazilian Highlands



Pantanal (wetlands)

## 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.

The Amazon River is in Brazil and it is the longest river in the world.

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.



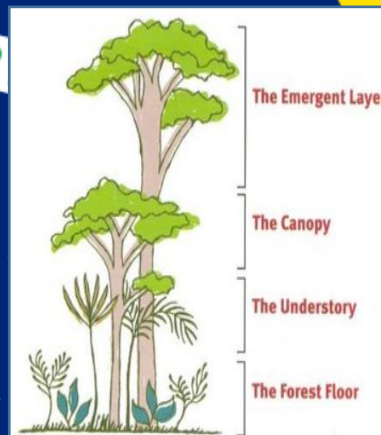
This is a map of South America. Brazil is the largest country in South America.

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.

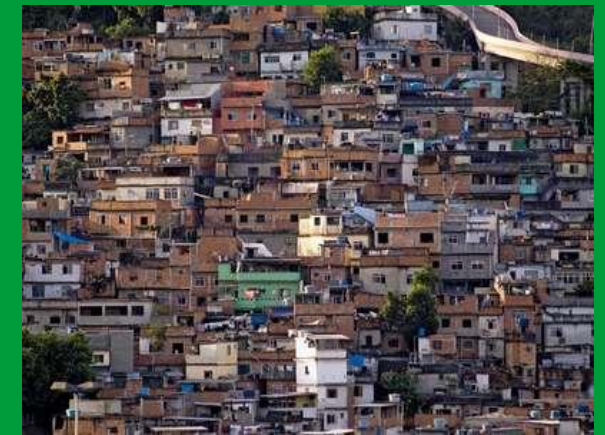


Did you know?

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

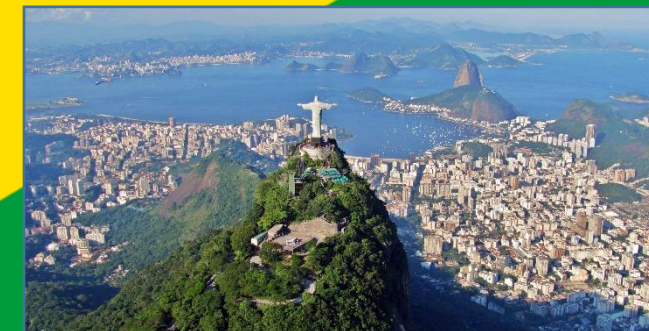
Brazil is known as a developing country.

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.



This is the Amazon River. It runs through the Amazon rainforest which is the largest in the world. There are many layers to a rainforest including the forest floor, the understory, the canopy and the emergent layer.