

South American Region—Brazil

Key Facts

What you will learn by the end of the topic



Rio de Janeiro



People call Rio de Janeiro 'Rio' for short. It is the second largest city in Brazil.

Locate which continent Brazil is in, and find out how many countries it shares a border with.

Look at the different regions of Brazil and explore the differences between them.

Explore three different natural landscapes, climate, wildlife and population of Brazil.

Understand what is meant by the term 'urbanisation', and look at reasons for why this is happening in Brazil.

Consider the advantages and disadvantages of urbanisation.

Explore the effects of urbanisation on the city of Rio de Janeiro.

Explore Rio de Janeiro as a tourist destination.

Discuss what the culture of Brazil might be like.

Overview

Continent: South America.

Borders: Brazil shares a border with 10 different countries.

Largest city: Sao Paulo.

Official language: Portuguese

Population: about 209 million

Capital City: Brasilia

Rainforest: Brazil contains about 60% of the Amazon rainforest.

Climate: Brazil has an average winter temperature of 15 degrees Celsius whereas during the summer months temperatures can rise to more than 38 degrees Celsius.

Key Vocabulary

Human Features	A manmade feature (cities, roads, farming)
Physical features	A natural feature on the environment (mountains, beaches, forests)
Urbanisation	The process of making an area more urban (cities and towns grow).
Border	A border is a physical or political line that separates geographic areas
Country	An area of land with boundaries which fits within a continent.
Region	A named area within a country.
Grid reference	A grid reference allows someone to mark a place on a map by referring to vertical and horizontal lines
Map	A map is a two-dimensional drawing of an area. Maps can show the countryside, a town, a country or even the whole
Amazon Basin	The Amazon Basin is the part of South America drained by the Amazon River.