

Brazil and The Amazon Basin Knowledge Organiser



- Brazil is the largest country in South America.
- Brazil is the 5th largest country in the world by both land area and population.
- The capital city is Brasilia, while the largest city is Sao Paulo.
- - Around 60% of the [Amazon Rainforest](#) is located in Brazil.
- The climate in the majority of Brazil is tropical.

The Amazon Rainforest



The Amazon Rainforest has been rapidly destroyed over the past 50 years. The main causes are agriculture, illegal logging, and human encroachment into the forest.

Animals in the rainforest



Extremely bio-diverse, it houses 1 in every 10 known species of animals. There are around 2.5 million insect species, 2,000 birds & mammals, 428 amphibians, and 378 reptile species 1 in 5 of all fish species live in the Amazon Rivers.

Deforestation



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The Amazon River



Second largest river in the world after River Nile. It is approximately 4000 miles long. The majority of the river runs through the rainforest.

Physical Geography

Brazil has a 7400km coastline along the Atlantic Ocean.

It borders with every South American country except for Chile and Ecuador.

The Brazilian landscape is very varied: dense forests, dry grasslands (called pampas), rugged hills, pine forests, sprawling wetlands, immense plateaus and a long coastal plain.

Human Geography

Christ the Redeemer is a statue of Jesus Christ in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. It is 30 metres tall. It sits on a 8 metre pedestal on the peak of the 700-metre tall Corcovado mountain.

Some of Brazils population live in favelas. A favela is a unique, low and middle-income, and unregulated type of slum neighborhood in Brazil. There are over 600 in Rio De Janeiro.



Key vocab

Biome- a community of plants and animals that have common characteristics for the environment they exist in.

Continent- any of the world's main continuous expanses of land

Deforestation- the process of cutting down trees on a huge scale.

Ecosystem- a biological community of interacting organisms and their physical environment.

Endangered- at risk of extinction.

