

How is South America different from where we live?

1. What do you already know about Brazil?
2. How is life different for rich and poor Brazilians?
3. How is Brazil different from where we live?
4. What is trade?
5. What trade links do we have with South America?
6. Why is Fair Trade so important?
7. Where would you find rainforests in South America?
8. Why does the rainforest have layers?
9. How is the rainforest different from our forests in the UK?
10. Why does the rainforest need protecting?

Hook for Learning:

- Show a video about Brazil which captures the main aspects of the country.
- Link to 2014 World Cup and 2016 Olympics.

Vocabulary

- rainforest
- Amazon
- tribe
- South America
- Brazil
- tropical
- equator
- climate
- rainfall
- temperature
- destruction
- trade
- import
- Fairtrade
- export
- canopy
- emergent layer
- understory
- deforestation
- biomes
- extinction

As Talkers can we...?

- Show good understanding of what has been said and be able to introduce new ideas that are valid?
- Act as a group leader and know what to do to help a discussion to develop well.

As Thinkers can we...?

- Empathise with Brazilian street children and appreciate the luxuries of our own lives?
- Compare the physical geography of Brazil with our own and reflect on the effects of this?

As Geographers can we...?

- Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom and a region within South America **(1, 2, 3, 7, 9,)**
- Locate the countries of South America on a map and find out their populations. Know that the largest country is Brazil. Locate major rivers and cities **(1,7)**
- Identify major cities in Brazil and consider how they differ to other regions in the country **(2,)**
- Use prior knowledge of the world to identify the climate they think may exist in different parts of South America **(1,3,)**
- Use photographs to compare and contrast rich/poor regions in Brazil **(2)**
- Use photographs to make connections between South America and the UK. **(3,9)**
- Describe and understand key aspects of economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water **(4,5,6)**
- Discuss and debate Fair Trade, investigating the facts and joining in a reasoned discussion **(6)**
- Understand the significance of the Equator, Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn **(7)**
- Understand the term 'biome' and recognise a rainforest as a type of biome **(7,8)**
- Identify the climate, habitats, the plant and animal types and how people live in the rainforest **(8,9,10)**

Using Technology can we...?

- Using Google Earth can you see the waterfalls of Foz do Iguaçu, the Amazon, Rio de Janeiro, Manaus, Brasília, the tropical rainforests?

As Designers can we...?

- Research Brazilian Carnival mask designs?
- Design and make our own rainforest?

As Writers can we...?

- Write a persuasive brochure for a trip to Brazil including famous tourist attractions

As Mathematicians can we...?

- Solve measurement problems using the layers of the rainforest?

Week 1

Where Would You Find Rainforests in South America?

Label rainforests of the world on a map. How many are in South America?

Week 2

Why does the rainforest have layers?

Information about each layer and its features. Draw your own layers of the rainforest with the correct trees and animals labelled. Make a rainforest using craft materials at home if possible.

Week 3

Why does the rainforest have layers?

Make a fact file about a rainforest animal. Include information about its habitat in the rainforest, diet etc. and what it needs to survive in the rainforest.

Week 4

How is the rainforest different from our forests in the UK?

Comparison between the Amazon rainforest and a forest/woodland in the UK. Children could take a walk in their local woods if possible and identify features. Consider: climate, plants that live there, animals that live there etc.

Week 5

Why does the rainforest need protecting?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p003vvpd7> Why do you think it would be hard to survive in the Amazon?

Deforestation- What are the pros and cons?

Week 6

Why does the rainforest need protecting?

Write a letter/give a presentation to a family member explaining why the rainforest needs protecting and how we can help.