

Geography - South America - Lesson 1

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As you may know, our new topic for this half term is South America and Brazil, which we will look at before starting on our rainforest unit after half term. So how good is your geographical knowledge of South America currently?

Task 1 (Research)

If you can, challenge yourself with some online games (details below) otherwise find yourself a map of South America to study, either in an atlas or on Google.

1. Load the online game: <http://world-geography-games.com/index.html>
 - Click on **World Games**, then **Continents** and play along with the computer locating each of the continents it asks you. This should be a revision activity for geography you have done lower down school!
 - Did you correctly locate South America? Bonus points if you did!
2. Now try: <https://online.seterra.com/en/vgp/3339> and see how many of the South American countries you can locate. If you try again can you beat your percentage score or the time in which you complete it? Maybe you could challenge your parents too!
3. If you've played the previous game a few times, you should be becoming familiar with the names of South American countries. If you now go on to: <https://www.coolmathgames.com/0-guess-countries-south-america> see how many of the countries in South America you can remember!
4. If you want to, you can return to <http://world-geography-games.com/index.html> and click on **Americas Games** then on **America: Countries** and see if you can locate the countries they give you. (Note: This does include North America too - but remember we are trying to improve your knowledge of South American countries so focus primarily on these!)

Task 2 (Creating)

This is always one of my favourite South America tasks at school - I wonder if it will be possible for you to try it at home! We usually do this in the playground using equipment from the PE store.

Can you use an atlas or a map online to create a large 3D map of South America in your garden or in your house using objects to represent different aspects, such as the countries in South America, capital cities of each of the countries, rivers, mountains, lakes, the Amazon rainforest?

If you manage it, take a photograph and remember to upload it to Seesaw!

Task 3 (Mapwork)

Now you've had lots of time practising practically with your South America knowledge, it's time for you to complete a map of South America yourself. Again, make use of an atlas (if you have one at home) or a detailed map online to label your map of South America.

Can you label the following:

- Countries in South America (Label these in CAPITAL LETTERS) If the countries are too small to fit their name label in, draw an arrow to the country and put your label in the sea.
- Capital cities (can you mark these with a ■ and label them)
- Draw on and label the Amazon river in blue
- Draw on and label the Amazon rainforest in green

If you want an extra challenge you could try starting with the blank map and drawing on all of the borders of the countries for yourself using an atlas to guide you.



