

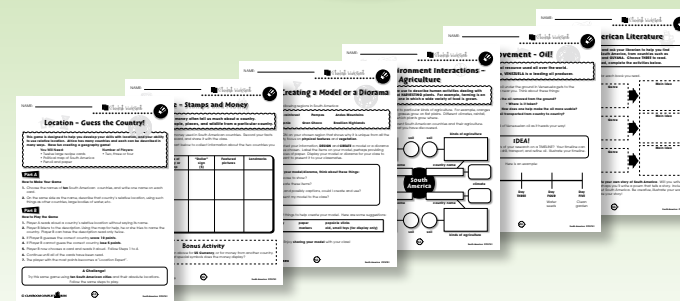
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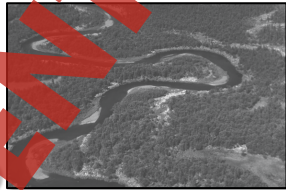




## South America - Place

1. Match the word to the illustration that shows it. Match by writing the number from the picture beside the word.

jungle \_\_\_\_\_



desert \_\_\_\_\_

1

2

mountains \_\_\_\_\_



urban \_\_\_\_\_

3

4

rural \_\_\_\_\_

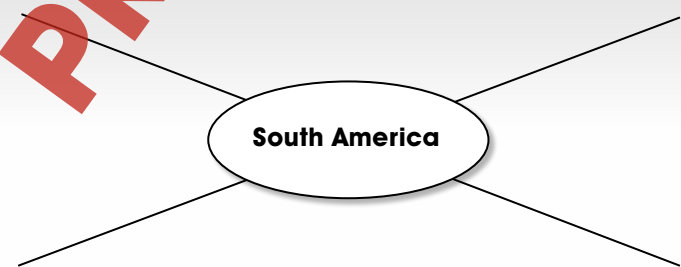


river \_\_\_\_\_

5

6

2. What do you already know about South America? Use the web to show what you know.



## South America - Place

**H**ow can we describe South America as a place that is different from all other continents? We can look at its unique features. Its **physical characteristics** make it unique. The rainforests, rivers, mountains, and deserts of South America are different from all others. The **people** of South America, where they have chosen to live, and the languages that they speak make it unique. The **wildlife** of South America also makes it different from all other continents. Each of these features helps us better understand South America and describe it as a **place**.



(San Pedro, Chile)

South America has many different physical characteristics. The Andes **Mountains** are both rocky and tree-covered, and stretch high into the sky. The Pampas grassland region is low and covered with wild grasses. The Atacama **Desert** is dry and salty. The Amazon Rainforest is a tropical region with dense, humid **jungles**. This variety of physical characteristics is part of what makes South America unique as a place.

What are some of South America's physical characteristics?



\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

There are huge cities throughout South America, filled with millions of people. Cities like Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, Lima, and Buenos Aires are all major **urban** areas. As on other continents, most of South America's largest cities can be found on major bodies of water, such as the ocean or important **rivers**. Large farms in **rural** areas of Brazil and Argentina provide food for both their people and for **export** to other countries. While many languages are spoken in South America, Spanish and Portuguese are the most common. A variety of aboriginal languages are also spoken.



## South America - Place

1. Fill in the blank with a word from the list. One word will be left over.

humid salty urban tropical grassland  
languages desert physical rural tree-covered

South America is a continent with many \_\_\_\_\_ characteristics.

There are tall, \_\_\_\_\_ mountains called the Andes, a \_\_\_\_\_

desert called the Atacama Desert, and \_\_\_\_\_ rainforests in \_\_\_\_\_

regions. The Pampas is a large, flat \_\_\_\_\_ Spanish and Portuguese

are the two most common \_\_\_\_\_ Rio de Janeiro is a large,

\_\_\_\_\_ area. Farms are found in \_\_\_\_\_ areas.

2. Which word matches the definition? Color the arrow that points to the correct word. You may use an atlas or a dictionary to help.

Sao Paulo	←	<b>A</b> A large city or urban area in South America.	→	Pampas
rural	←	<b>B</b> A word that describes something native to a country.	→	aboriginal
desert	←	<b>C</b> A word that describes an area of dense vegetation, usually one that is very hot and humid, with large amounts of rainfall.	→	jungle
export	←	<b>D</b> A word that describes things that a country sends to other countries for trade.	→	import



## South America - Place

Answer each question with a complete sentence.

3. What are the major **languages** spoken in South America?

\_\_\_\_\_

4. How are the Andes Mountains and the Pampas different?

\_\_\_\_\_

### Research

5. The **Amazon River** is perhaps the most famous river in the world! It is long, wide, and full of many different species of freshwater creatures. Conduct some research on the Amazon River. Use the questions below as a guide. Write two questions of your own that you would like to research. Share your findings with a friend.

a) How long is the Amazon?

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c) Which large body of water does it flow into?

d) How often does the Amazon flood the area around it?

e) My question: \_\_\_\_\_

f) My question: \_\_\_\_\_

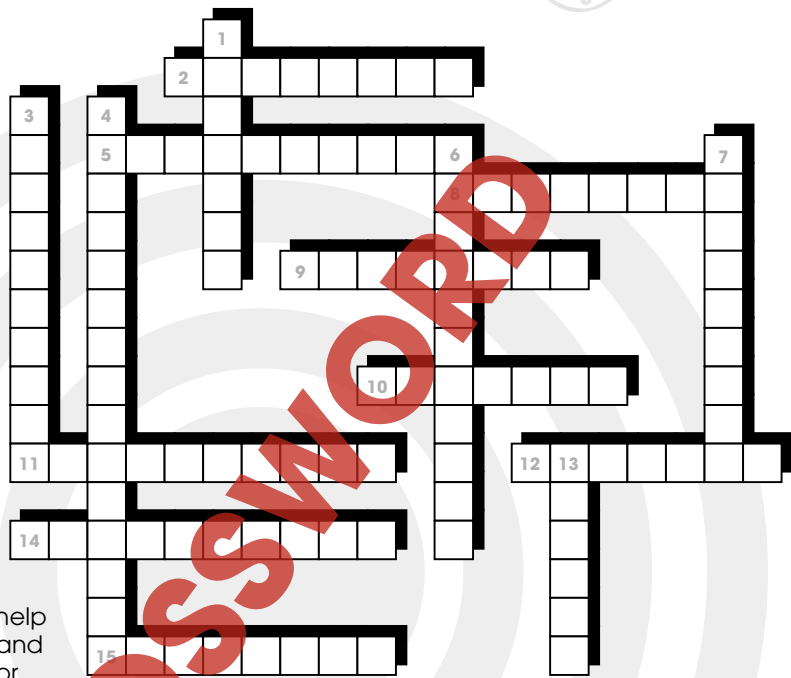
6. Much of South America was colonized by Spain or Portugal. Because of that, many countries in South America have Spanish or Portuguese as their official languages. Conduct some research to find which countries were colonized by Spain or Portugal, and what their official languages are.

Colonizing Country	New Countries Created by Colonizing Country	Language
Spain	a) b) c)	a) b) c)
Portugal	a) b) c)	a) b) c)



# Crossword Puzzle!

- equator
- medicines
- Rainforest
- latitude
- Panama
- Pacific
- mountain
- absolute
- Antarctica
- southern
- characteristics
- earthquakes
- Spanish
- hemisphere
- geographer



**Across**

- 2 Lines on a map to help find a place north and south of the equator
- 5 One of the shapes made by cutting a sphere in half
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ location describes exactly where a place is.
- 9 The Andes is a long \_\_\_\_\_ range in South America.
- 10 Imaginary line running along the middle of the Earth
- 11 The Amazon \_\_\_\_\_ is a region with humid jungles.
- 12 A common language spoken in South America
- 14 South America is north of this icy continent.
- 15 South America is entirely in the \_\_\_\_\_ hemisphere.

**Down**

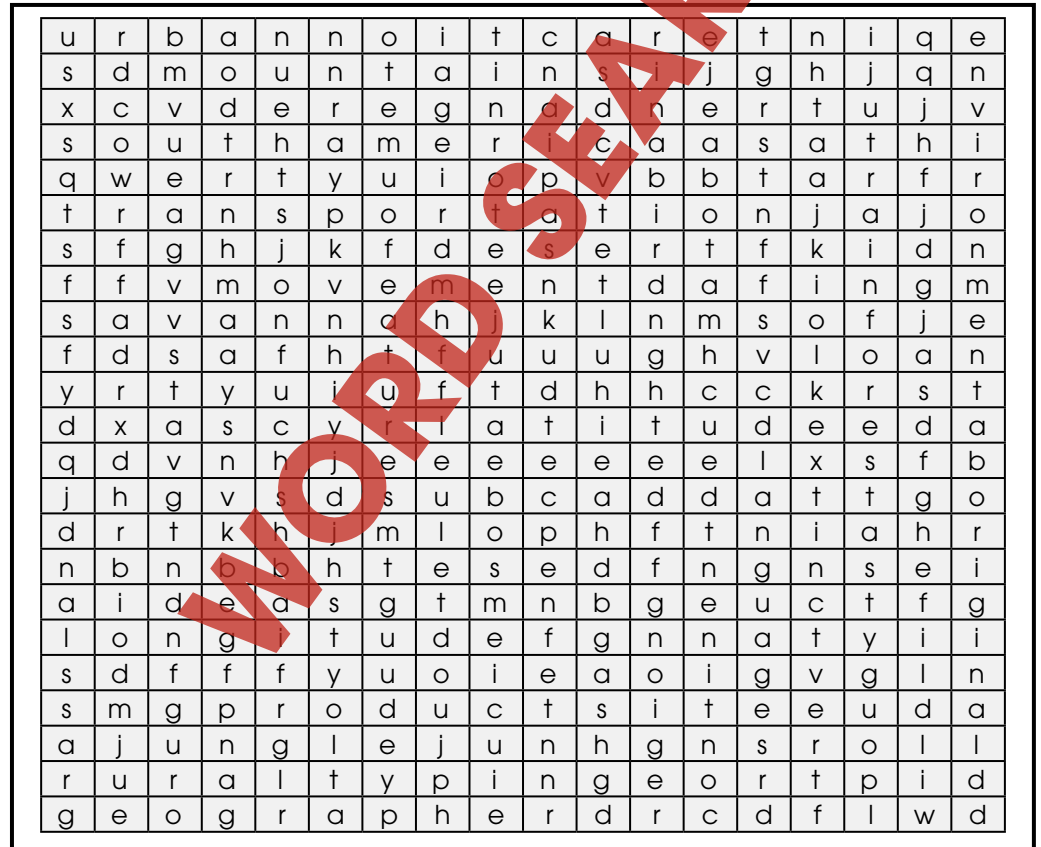
- 1 The \_\_\_\_\_ Ocean lies to the west of South America.
- 3 A person who studies geography
- 4 A place can be described by physical and human \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ in Peru have changed how and where people build their homes.
- 7 Scientists look for new \_\_\_\_\_ in the Amazon Rainforest.
- 13 South America is linked to North America at \_\_\_\_\_.



# Word Search

Find all of the words in the Word Search. Words may be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal. A few may even be backwards! Look carefully!

- |               |             |                |             |
|---------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| South America | movement    | grassland      | latitude    |
| mountains     | ideas       | aboriginal     | urban       |
| Equator       | continent   | extinct        | wildlife    |
| region        | interaction | transportation | features    |
| rural         | jungle      | geographer     | environment |
| languages     | links       | desert         | products    |
| endangered    | longitude   | rainforest     | savannah    |



# Comprehension Quiz

**Part C**

Answer the questions in complete sentences.

- 1. What is the difference between **absolute** location and **relative** location? As an example, describe South America's relative location. 3
- 2. How do we describe **place**? Describe South America as a place. 3
- 3. Describe what is meant by **human and environment interactions**. Explain how the cutting down of too many Amazon Rainforest trees is a negative interaction. 3
- 4. What do we mean by **movement** in geography? Give one example of transportation and one of communication. 3
- 5. What is a **region**? Describe the Pampas or the Andes Mountains as a region. 4

SUBTOTAL: /16

# South America Outline Map





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3.

Portuguese and Spanish

4.

Andes: tall, rocky, and tree-covered  
Pampas: low regions covered with wild grasses

5.

- a) length: approx. 6,900 miles
- b) Brazil, etc.
- c) Atlantic Ocean
- d) yearly
- e) Answers will vary
- f) Answers will vary

6.

Possible answers:  
Portugal: Brazil, etc.  
Spain: Argentina, etc.

Across:

- 2. latitude
- 5. hemisphere
- 8. absolute
- 9. mountain
- 10. equator
- 11. Rainforest
- 12. Spanish
- 14. Antarctica
- 15. southern

Down:

- 1. Pacific
- 3. geographer
- 4. characteristics
- 6. earthquakes
- 7. medicines
- 13. Panama

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# EASY MARKING ANSWER KEY