



Geography Knowledge Organiser - South America

Countries in South America



Key vocabulary

- **Latitude** - Imaginary parallel lines which circle the globe from east to west.
- **Southern hemisphere** - Is the area of Earth that is south of the Equator. The Earth is divided into two halves, called hemispheres. The Southern Hemisphere is slightly larger than the Northern Hemisphere, and has more water and fewer people.
- **Tropic of Capricorn** - An imaginary line around the globe which is approximately 23.5° south of the equator.
- **Equator** - An imaginary line around the globe at latitude 0° north dividing the earth into northern and southern hemispheres.

Physical Geography

The natural features of a place or environment.

- oceans and coastlines
- rivers and lakes
- mountains and volcanoes
- **flora** and **fauna** (plants and animals)
- land-form

Human Geography

Features of an environment that have been shaped by people.

- country/region boundaries
- buildings, roads and land use
- changes to river courses
- language/signs
- religion, government, art and music

Assessment Question:

How is South America different from the UK?