

# Exploring South America: Geography Assessment

*Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge of South American countries, physical features, and climate zones.*

Read each question carefully. Answer in full sentences where requested. Ensure you use your best handwriting and check your spelling.

South America is the fourth largest continent in the world. It is home to the world's longest mountain range, the Andes, which stretches along the western coast. The continent also features the Amazon Rainforest, which plays a vital role in the Earth's ecosystem, and the Amazon River, the largest river by volume. Most of South America lies within the Southern Hemisphere, but the northern parts cross the Equator.

*Word bank: Equator · Amazon · Andes · Continent · Climate · Brazil · Hemisphere · Tropics*

**1. Name two countries found on the continent of South America. (2 marks)**

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**2. Finn the dolphin is travelling along the coast. He is looking for the famous mountain range mentioned in the text. What is the name of this range? (1 mark)**

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**3. Explain why the Amazon Rainforest is considered important for our planet. (3 marks)**

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**4. Look at a map of the world. Why is the Equator important when describing the climate of countries in northern South America? (3 marks)**

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**5. If a traveller buys a map of South America for £4.50 and a guidebook for £6.25, how much do they spend in total? Show your working out. (3 marks)**

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**6. Describe the difference between a physical feature (like a mountain) and a human feature (like a city). Give one example of each found in South America. (3 marks)**

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**7. Imagine you are an explorer like Finn. Write a short diary entry (5 marks) describing the landscape, the weather, and one animal you might see in the Amazon Rainforest. (5 marks)**

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**8. Which ocean lies to the west of South America? (1 mark)**

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**10. True or False: South America is entirely located in the Northern Hemisphere. (2 marks)**

**Draw: Draw a simple map of South America and label the Andes mountains and the Amazon River.**



*Extension challenge: Total: /25. Research task: Find out which South American country is the largest by land area and write one interesting fact about its capital city.*