

Exploring South America with Finn

Learning objective: To identify key geographical features, countries, and climate zones of the continent of South America.

Use your knowledge of South America and an atlas to answer the following questions. Read each question carefully to ensure you include enough detail for the marks provided.

Finn the dolphin has been mapping the waters around South America. He has travelled from the Caribbean Sea down to the southern tip of the continent. Use your geography skills to help him complete his records.

Word bank: Amazon · Andes · Equator · Brazil · Pacific · Atlantic · continent

1. Name two countries that are located on the continent of South America. (2 marks)

2. The Andes is a famous physical feature of South America. Is it a river, a mountain range, or a desert? Explain how it affects the landscape. (3 marks)

3. Which major ocean lies to the west of South America, and which ocean lies to the east? (2 marks)

4. Why is the Amazon Rainforest often described as the 'lungs of the planet'? (2 marks)

5. If you were travelling from the north of Brazil to the southern tip of Argentina, how might the climate change? Give a reason for your answer. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a map of South America. Label the Amazon River, the Andes mountain range, and the Equator. Include a small drawing of Finn the dolphin in the ocean nearby.



Extension challenge: Research the cost of a flight from London to Rio de Janeiro. If a ticket costs £850, and you save £25 each week from your pocket money, how many weeks would it take to save for the flight? Show your maths working out.