

Finn's South American Explorer Fact-File

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

Help Finn the dolphin map out his latest journey! Use your geography textbook or an atlas to research South America. Fill in each section of this fact-file to show off your knowledge of this diverse continent.

Word bank: Equator · Amazon · Andes · Continent · Climate · Hemisphere · Biodiversity · Plateau · Tributary

1. Key Countries and Cities: List three South American countries and their capital cities. Which country is the largest by land area? (3 marks)

2. Physical Geography: Describe the location and significance of the Andes mountain range. How does it affect the landscape? (2 marks)

3. The Amazon Rainforest: Explain why the Amazon Basin is important for the global climate and what kind of river system it contains. (3 marks)

4. Climate Zones: South America has many different climates. Contrast the weather found in the tropical north with the cooler regions in the far south. (2 marks)

5. Human Geography: Choose one South American country and describe a major language spoken there and one traditional cultural or food custom. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research a specific South American animal that lives in the Amazon. Write a short paragraph explaining how its body is adapted to survive in that specific environment.