

# Finn's South American Adventure

*Learning objective: To understand the key geographical features of South America.*

Read the text carefully. Use the word bank to help you understand the words. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Finn the dolphin is exploring the world. Today, Finn is swimming near the coast of South America. South America is a large continent. It has many different climates. In the north, there is the Amazon Rainforest. It is very hot and rainy there. Many colourful birds and animals live in the thick trees.

To the west, there is a long mountain range called the Andes. These mountains are very tall and have snowy peaks. The air is much colder there than in the rainforest. South America also has wide, grassy plains and dry deserts. Because the continent is so big, the weather changes a lot from place to place. Finn loves to map these different areas. He notices that the land shapes how people and animals live. Some people build homes near the big rivers to catch fish. Others live in the mountains where they can grow special crops. South America is a place of wonder, with its giant rivers, tall mountains, and beautiful nature. Finn is excited to see what else he can find on his map.

*Word bank: Continent: A very large area of land. · Amazon: A giant river and rainforest. · Andes: A very long range of mountains. · Climate: The usual weather in a place.*

**1. What is the name of the large rainforest found in South America? (2 marks)**

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**2. What does the text say about the peaks of the Andes mountains? (2 marks)**

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**3. Why do you think the weather is different in the rainforest compared to the mountains? (2 marks)**

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**4. How do you think living near a river helps the people who live there? (2 marks)**

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**5. If you were Finn, would you prefer to visit the rainforest or the mountains? Why? (2 marks)**

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**Draw: Draw a picture of South America showing the tall Andes mountains on one side and the green Amazon rainforest on the other.**



*Extension challenge: Pick one animal that might live in the Amazon Rainforest and write two sentences about why it likes living there.*