

Finn's South American Expedition Quiz

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

Join Finn the dolphin on his latest mapping adventure! Read each question carefully and circle the correct answer or write your response in the space provided. Good luck, explorers!

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.Andes, 4.B, 5.False, 6.Brazil, 7.A, 8.True, 9.Amazon, 10.Pacific. Greater Depth Insight: Students should justify their reasoning using terms like 'climate zones', 'biodiversity', and 'topography'.

Word bank: Amazon · Andes · Equator · Brazil · Atlantic · Pacific · Plateau · Tropical

1. 1. Which of these famous mountain ranges runs along the western edge of South America? A) The Alps B) The Himalayas C) The Andes* D) The Rockies (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: The Amazon Rainforest is the largest tropical rainforest in the world. (1 mark)

3. 3. What is the name of the vast, high-altitude mountain range that spans seven countries in South America? (1 mark)

4. 4. Which ocean lies to the east of South America? A) Indian B) Atlantic* C) Arctic D) Southern (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: South America is located entirely in the Northern Hemisphere. (1 mark)

6. 6. Which South American country is the largest by both area and population? (1 mark)

7. 7. The Equator passes through which of these South American countries? A) Ecuador* B) Argentina C) Chile D) Uruguay (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: The Amazon River flows into the Atlantic Ocean. (1 mark)

9. 9. Which massive river basin covers a large portion of the continent and is home to immense biodiversity? (1 mark)

10. 10. Which ocean borders the western coastline of South America? A) Atlantic B) Pacific* C) Indian D) Arctic (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a map of South America. Include the Amazon River, the Andes Mountains, and label at least three countries.



Extension challenge: 1. Explain why the Amazon Rainforest is often referred to as the 'lungs of the planet'. 2. Compare and contrast the climate of the high Andes with the climate of the Amazon Basin. 3. Justify why the Andes Mountains act as a significant barrier for travel and trade. 4. What might happen to the local ecosystem if the Amazon River were to change its course? 5. If you were planning a journey from the coast of Peru to the coast of Brazil, what geographical challenges would you face? 6. Research and describe one way human activity is currently impacting the geography of the South American rainforests.