

Finn's South American Expedition Fact-File

Learning objective: To identify, describe, and understand the physical and human geographical features of the South American continent.

Join Finn the dolphin on his global journey! Use your research skills to complete this fact-file. Ensure you use specific geographical terminology and provide clear justifications for your findings.

Word bank: Amazon Rainforest · Andes Mountains · equator · biodiversity · tributary · urbanisation · topography · climate zone

1. Geographical Location: Describe the location of South America in relation to the equator and the surrounding oceans. Explain why this influences the continent's climate. (3 marks)

2. Physical Landmarks: Identify one major mountain range and one major river system. Compare their impact on the surrounding landscape. (3 marks)

3. Climate and Vegetation: Justify why the Amazon Rainforest is often described as the 'lungs of the planet' based on its unique biodiversity. (3 marks)

4. Human Geography: Contrast the way of life in a major South American city with that of a remote village. What factors might drive people to migrate to urban areas? (4 marks)

5. Economic Activity: Explain why agriculture and natural resources are vital to many South American countries. Provide a specific example of an exported commodity. (3 marks)

6. Environmental Stewardship: What might happen to the continent's ecosystem if deforestation continues at its current rate? Propose one strategy to protect these habitats. (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are an explorer writing a diary entry about discovering a new, remote area in the Andes. Describe the topography, the weather, and one unique species of flora or fauna you encounter. Use at least five words from the word bank.