

Exploring South America: A Geographical Journey

Learning objective: To describe and explain the geographical features, climate, and biomes of South America using specific vocabulary.

Use the writing frame below to structure your report. Finn the dolphin has shared his map with us, so remember to include details about the continent's diverse physical features.

South America is a continent of remarkable diversity, home to the world's largest rainforest and the longest mountain range above sea level.

Word bank: furthermore · consequently · in contrast · biodiversity · equatorial · mountainous · tributary · vast · stretching · predominantly

1. Introduction: Define where South America is located in the world and name the oceans that border it. Start your paragraph with: 'Situated in the Southern Hemisphere, South America is...', (2 marks)

2. Physical Features: Describe the Andes Mountains and the Amazon River. Start your paragraph with: 'One of the most striking physical features of the continent is...', (3 marks)

3. Climate and Biomes: Explain how the climate changes across the continent. Start your paragraph with: 'Due to its vast size, the climate varies significantly, ranging from...', (3 marks)

4. Human Geography: Briefly mention how people live and what the continent is known for producing. Start your paragraph with: 'Beyond its natural wonders, South America is also known for...', (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise why South America is an important part of our world. Start your paragraph with: 'In conclusion, the unique geography of South America makes it...', (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research one specific country within South America. Write a short paragraph explaining its capital city, one major landmark, and the main language spoken there.