Mapping South America with Finn the Dolphin

Learning objective: To identify and locate key geographical features and biomes of South America.

Follow the drawing prompts below to create your own map of South America. Use your knowledge of the continent's diverse landscape to place the features accurately.

Draw: Draw a large outline of the South American continent in the centre of your page. Use a fine-liner pen to sketch the Andes Mountains as jagged triangles along the western coast. Use a green coloured pencil to shade the vast Amazon Rainforest area in the north-central region. Draw a blue winding line for the Amazon River flowing from the mountains to the Atlantic coast. Label the desert, mountain range, and river clearly using the word bank provided.

Label words: Amazon Rainforest · Andes Mountains · Atacama Desert · Amazon River · Equator · Pacific Ocean · Atlantic Ocean

Steps:

1. Label the two oceans that border the east and west coasts of South America.
2. Why is the Amazon Rainforest often described as the 'lungs of the planet'? Explain your answer briefly.
3. Which mountain range runs along the western edge of the continent?
4. Explain why the Atacama Desert is considered one of the driest places on Earth.

5. Draw a dashed line across the northern part of your map to represent the Equator.