

South America KS2 Knowledge Mat

Subject Specific Vocabulary

street children	Street children are groups of children with no homes or parents who are forced to beg for a living.
pampas	The pampas are fertile South American lowlands that cover more than 750,000 km ² .
anaconda snake	Anacondas are semiaquatic snakes found in tropical South America. They are some of the largest snakes in the world.
I am somebody	A poem which was used in a campaign to bring attention to the street children of Brazil.
Andes	The Andes are the world's longest continental mountain range. They lie as a continuous chain of highland along the western coast of South America.
inhabitant	An inhabitant is a person or animal that is a permanent resident of a particular place or region.
sparsely populated	Sparsely populated means that there are few people scattered around the area.
Lake Titicaca	Lake Titicaca straddles the border between Peru and Bolivia in the Andes Mountains and is one of South America's largest lakes.
Incas	The Incas, an American indigenous people, were originally from the southern highlands of Peru.
Atacama Desert	The Atacama Desert is one of the driest places in the world. It has a stony terrain.



Sticky Knowledge about South America

There are 12 countries in South America and almost 400 million people live there.

Brazil is the largest country and covers almost half the continent. It is only slightly smaller than the USA.

South America's largest river is the Amazon, which is the second longest river in the world. However, the Amazon carries more water than any other river in the world.

Sao Paulo, in Brazil, is the largest city in South America with more than 20 million people living there.

Spanish is the most popular language in South America even though Brazilians speak Portuguese.

The Incas were the largest group of indigenous people in South America when the Europeans arrived.

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South American countries

There are 12 sovereign states:

- Brazil
- Argentina
- Chile
- Venezuela
- Colombia
- Peru
- Suriname
- Bolivia
- Uruguay
- Paraguay
- Guyana
- Ecuador

Plus, a part of France (French Guiana) and a non-sovereign area (the Falkland Islands, a British Overseas Territory though this is disputed by Argentina).