

Year 6 Geography

South America: The Amazon

What is life like in the Amazon?

What I should already know: In Year 4 children learnt where South America is located on a world map. They learned about cities in South America. They learned about human and physical features of South America. The children have also studied rivers in year 4 and know that the river has a mouth and a source.

Lesson 1: Where is the Amazon? (Locate the Amazon rainforest, the Amazon basin and the Amazon river).

- The Amazon drainage basin covers an area of about 6,300,000 km² (2,400,000 sq mi), or about 35.5 percent of the South American continent. It is located in the countries of **Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname, and Venezuela.**

Amazon basin



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Definition

river
basin

an area of land drained by a river and its tributaries.

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distance measured in degrees east or west of an imaginary line that runs from the north pole to the south pole and passes through Greenwich, England.

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the distance north or south of the equator measured in degrees.

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the place where a river enters the sea.

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a spring or fountain head from which a river or stream issues.

Lesson 2: What would it be like to walk through the Amazon rainforest? (Compare climates and write a poem).

- The climate in the rainforest is very different to the climate in London. For example, there is a lot more rain in the rainforest.

Climate charts and graphs

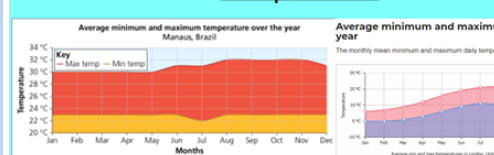
Rainfall



Sunshine



Temperature



climate

average weather patterns

forest

a large area covered chiefly with trees and undergrowth.

rainforest

a luxuriant, dense forest rich in biodiversity, found typically in tropical areas with consistently heavy rainfall.

Lesson 3 and 4: What is Manaus like? (Write a fact file)

- **Manaus** is the capital and largest city of the Brazilian state of Amazonas. It is the seventh-largest city in Brazil.

Manaus on a map



Amazon Rainforest



primary
source

first-hand accounts of a topic, from people who had a direct connection with it

secondary
source

works that analyze, assess or interpret an historical event, era, or phenomenon, generally utilizing primary sources to do so

human
features

things that are made or built by humans

physical
features

anything that is on the Earth naturally

city

a large town

state

an area with defined boundaries organized into a political unit and ruled by an established government that has control over its internal and foreign affairs

confluence

the junction of two rivers, especially rivers of approximately equal width

