



Year 6 South America Knowledge Mat



Key Vocabulary

Street Children	Street children are groups of children with no homes or parents and 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.
Inhabitants	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 about the area spoken of.
Titicaca Lake	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 Indian people, were originally a small tribe in the southern highlands of Peru.
Atacama desert	The Atacama desert is one of the driest places in the world. It has a stony terrain.

South American Countries

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



Make it stick!

- 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 is the largest city 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.