



# Year 5 – Autumn

## South America



What are the Key Physical and Human characteristics of South America?

### Vocabulary

**South America** – is the fourth largest **continent** in the world. It is located mainly in the Western hemisphere and partly in the Southern. Below the equator.

**biome** - biomes are areas of the planet with similar climates, landscapes, animals and plants

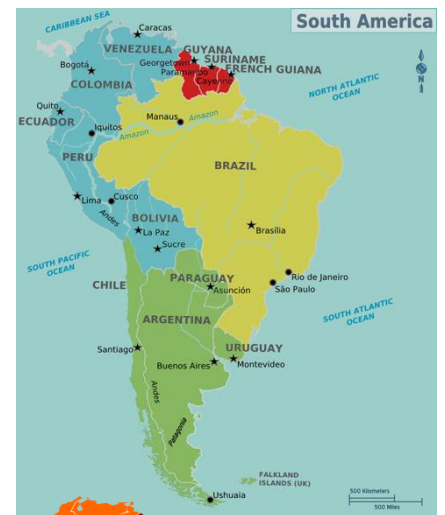
**desert biome** – has a dry and arid climate with very hot temperate. There is little rainfall meaning that there is not a lot of vegetation.

**The Amazon** - The Amazon rainforest, covering much of northwestern Brazil and extending into Colombia, Peru, is the world's largest tropical rainforest. It's crisscrossed by thousands of rivers, including the powerful Amazon.

**The Andes** - The Andes, or Andean Mountains, are the longest mountain range in the world and are located along the western coast of South America.

**The Atacama Desert** – is located in Chile and is considered one of the driest places on earth.

**tropical rainforest biome** - is a hot, moist biome where it rains all year long.



### Where do people live?

With over 200 million people **Brazil** is South America's major city.

**Colombia** has 55 million and **Argentina** with 44 million.

**Peru** and **Venezuela** have 31 million people.

Some of the largest populated cities are Buenos Aires, São Paulo, Lima, Bogota, Rio de Janeiro and Santiago.

People may choose to live in these places because of their physical and human features.

### What languages are spoken?

- 9 countries in South America speak Spanish because these are the regions colonized by Spain after Columbus discovered the New World.
- Many people learn and speak English as a second language.
- The majority of Brazil speaks Portuguese.
- French Guiana is the only French speaking country in South America.
- Suriname is the only place in South America that speak Dutch.