

# Knowledge organiser – South America

## What will we be learning?

- The location of The Amazon and its significance.
- The importance of the Amazon Basin and Rainforest.
- What the threats to the Amazon are.
- The human and physical features of Manaus.
- Similarities and differences between the Amazon Basin, south east Brazil and where we live.

## Key facts

The 12 independent countries of South America:

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

## Key knowledge

South America's biggest country is Brazil. Here you'll find the Amazon Rainforest, home to a huge number of animals, plants and insects.

Deforestation is a threat to the Amazon Rainforest. A lot of forest has been destroyed, for example to make space for cattle ranches, from which beef is exported worldwide.

Manaus is a city in the heart of the Amazon Rainforest region and sits on the Rio Negro, one of two major rivers that flow into the River Amazon.



Place names	Geographical terms and processes	Locational terms
Amazon Basin Bolivia Brazil Ecuador Peru Venezuela	agriculture ecosystem food chain humidity river basin volume	equatorial International Date Line longitude Prime Meridian Tropic of Capricorn Western Hemisphere

## Glossary

**agriculture:** *farming*

**drainage:** *how water flows away from an area through rivers and streams*

**equatorial:** *the hot, wet climate in areas close to the Equator*

**river basin:** *the area of land drained by a river and all its tributaries*