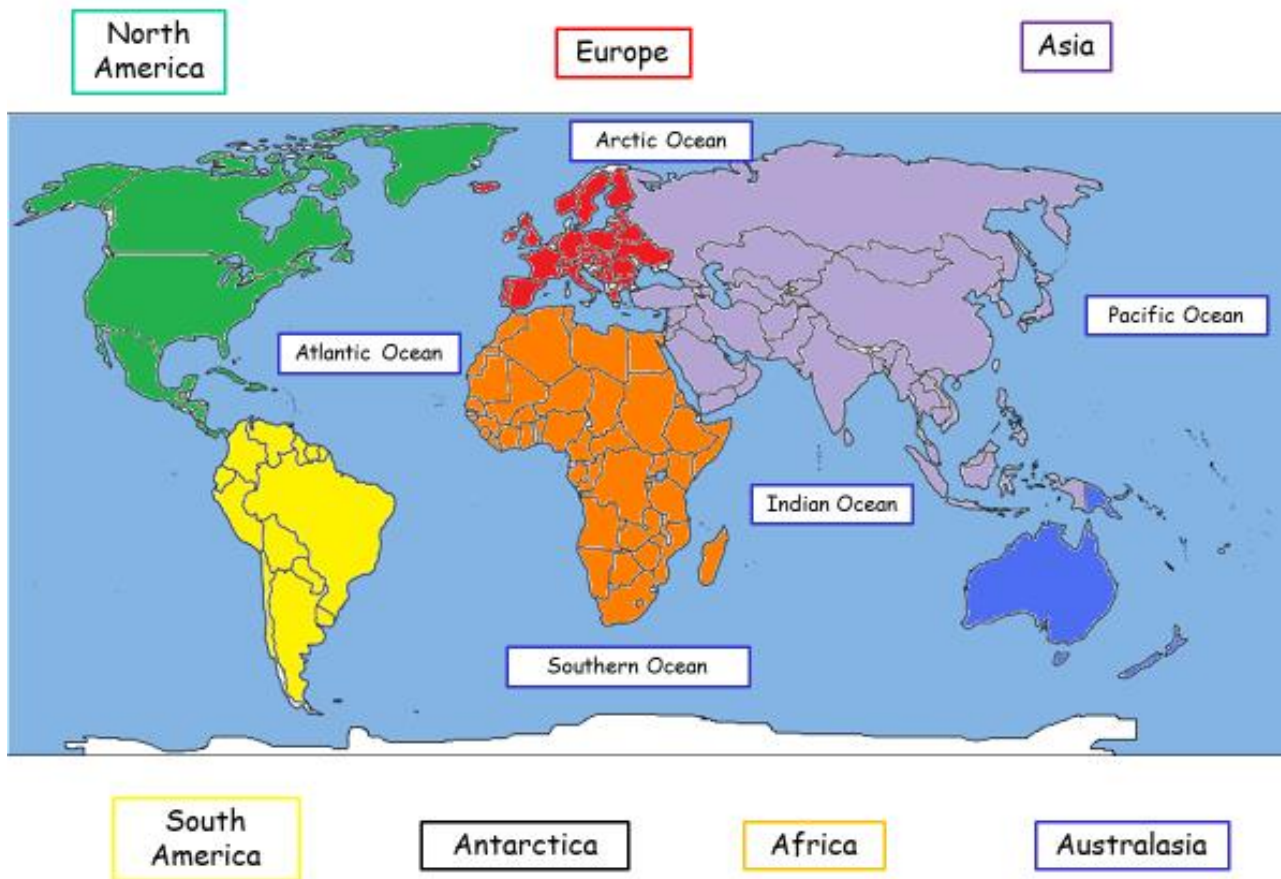


# Geography Knowledge Organiser: Why is South America a continent of contrasts?



## Where is South America?



## Key Knowledge

<b>7 Continents</b>	Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Europe, Oceania (Australasia)
<b>5 Oceans</b>	Arctic, Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Southern
<b>12 countries in South America</b>	Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela
<b>Major Cities</b> (In descending order of population)	Sao Paulo ( <i>Brazil –largest city in South America</i> ) Bogotá ( <i>Colombia -capital</i> ) Rio de Janeiro ( <i>Brazil</i> ) Santiago ( <i>Chile</i> ) Buenos Aires ( <i>Argentina</i> )
<b>Key physical features</b>	River: Amazon (river with greatest volume of water in world) Mountain range: Andes (longest in world) Largest lake: Titicaca Rainforests Volcanoes Desert: Atacama (driest in world)
<b>Key human features</b>	Christ the Redeemer ( <i>statue in Rio</i> ) Machu Picchu ( <i>Inca citadel in Peru</i> ) Salt Cathedral ( <i>Colombia</i> ) Reed Islands ( <i>Peru</i> ) Merida cable car ( <i>Venezuela</i> )
<b>Environmental regions</b> (Very varied)	Pampas –fertile lowland Atacama desert –driest desert in world Amazon basin –rainforest Patagonia –windy, bare, has southernmost city in the world



## Key Vocabulary

### Years 3 & 4

<b>Continent</b>	A large area of land that consists of several countries.
<b>Ocean</b>	A large area of sea.
<b>Equator</b>	An imaginary line around the middle of the Earth at an equal distance from the North Pole and the South Pole
<b>Human feature</b>	A man-made feature of a place
<b>Physical feature</b>	A natural feature of a place
<b>Climate</b>	The usual weather conditions of a place
<b>Vegetation</b>	Plants
<b>Coast</b>	Where the land meets the sea
<b>Settlement</b>	A place where people live
<b>Capital city</b>	City where the government of a country is based
<b>Lake</b>	A large area of fresh water surrounded by land
<b>Mountain range</b>	A group of connected mountains
<b>Rainforest</b>	A forest that receives a large amount of rain all year round
<b>Desert</b>	An area that receives very little rain

## Key Vocabulary

### Years 5 & 6

*The following, in addition to vocabulary learned in Y3&4.*

<b>Northern hemisphere</b>	The half of the Earth that is north of the Equator
<b>Southern hemisphere</b>	The half of the Earth that is south of the Equator
<b>Environmental region</b>	Areas of land with similar environments / physical features
<b>Land-use</b>	The way that land is used eg: farming
<b>Natural resources</b>	Natural materials that can be used or sold by people eg: oil, wood, minerals
<b>Population</b>	The people that live in a place
<b>Tropical</b>	Hot and humid
<b>Fertile</b>	Land that is good for growing plants