

# Geography: What is life like in Brazil?

Year 3 Summer 2

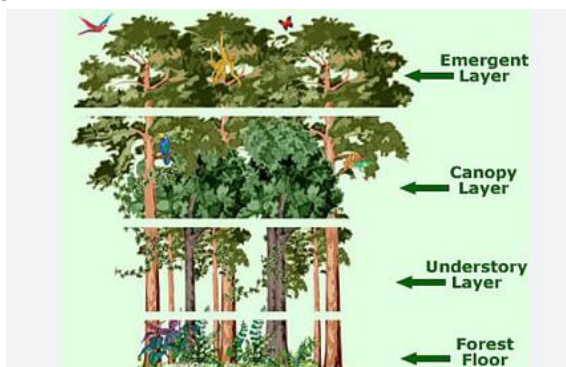
## Key Facts

### Where is Brazil?

Brazil is a country located in South America. It is the fifth most populated country of the world; its current population is measured at 204,426,000. The capital city is Brasilia.

### The Amazon Rainforest

The Amazon is the largest tropical rainforest in the world. It covers much of north western and extends into other South American countries.



**Emergent layer (38m):** consists of the tallest trees, some birds and insects. No animals live here.

**Canopy layer (29m):** the thickest layer that hosts the most plants and animals.

**Understory layer (16m):** consists of young herbs, shrubs and bushes.

**Forest floor (5m):** darkest, humid layer that hosts insects and larger animals.

## Why should we learn about Brazil?

This unit will introduce you to Brazil's unique and diverse culture. You will compare the geography of Brazil to that of the UK while studying the human and physical features of Brazil. You will investigate the many differences between urban and rural Brazil and case study the lives of people living within Rio de Janeiro.

## Vocabulary

**Caboclo** – People of mixed European and Indian ancestry who live along the Amazon River. They try to live a sustainable life in harmony with the land.

**Cattle ranching** – Farming herds of animals on large areas of land.

**Deforestation** – The act of clearing, or cutting down, a wide area of trees.

**Favela** – A slum or shanty town located within or on the outskirts of Brazil's larger cities, especially Rio de Janeiro.

**Indigenous** – Originating or occurring naturally in a particular place.

**Population** – All the inhabitants of a particular place.

**Urbanisation** – The process of making an area more urban.

## Website Links

- <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/geography/countries/article/brazil>
- <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/physical-geography/amazon-facts/>
- <https://www.wwf.org.uk/where-we-work/amazon>

## Enquiry Questions

- Where is Brazil?
- What is the climate like in Brazil?
- How is urbanisation affecting the population of Brazil?
- What is life like for people living in Rio de Janeiro?
- How does the rainforest feed us?
- What is life like for the Caboclo people?
- What is life like in Brazil?

## Geographical Skills

- Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of the regions in Brazil and the UK.
- Describe and understand key aspects of push/pull factors within settlements.
- Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate Brazil and surrounding countries and oceans and describe features studied.
- Name and locate some countries of South America.

## Geographical Concepts

**Environmental geography** – considering how we use the natural world and how people have the power to change it.

**Space** – exploring how natural and man-made places fit together in the jigsaw of the world. We need to look at the significance of location and spatial distribution, and ways people organise and manage the spaces that we live in.

## Why don't you...

- Plan a trip to Brazil? How will you travel there and what route will you take as you tour the country?
- Visit the supermarket to see how many items are imported from Brazil?
- Write a speech or create a poster to encourage people to protect the rainforest?

Map 1: Map of South America

