

## KEY KNOWLEDGE

# SOUTH AMERICA

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

Brazil is the world's seventh largest economy. It is rich in natural resources such as Iron ore. They are also one of the largest exporters of coffee, beef, sugar and orange juice.

## HOW OUR LIVES ARE LINKED TO BRAZIL

As the world's seventh-largest economy, Brazil is at the forefront of industry and trade in South America. It accounts for three-fifths of the continent's money-making business and is home to the eighth largest number of billionaires on the planet.

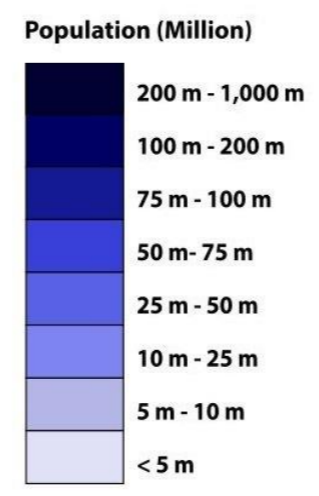
Brazil is rich in natural resources. Iron ore, Nickel, tin, uranium, bauxite, beryllium, copper, lead, tungsten, zinc, gold, emeralds and other minerals are mined here.

You may be wearing shoes or writing on paper made in Brazil. You may have flown in a plane put together by Brazilian engineers or your parents may drive a car made in Brazil. An export is something that one country grows or makes, and then sells it to another country. Here are some of Brazil's main exports:

- Coffee beans
- Rubber types
- Footwear
- Iron ore, iron and steel
- Petroleum oil
- Cane and beet sugar
- Cars and car parts
- Tobacco
- Fruit juices
- Gold



The Amazon Rainforest



**12 INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES OF SOUTH AMERICA**

Key Vocabulary			
<b>Culture</b>	How a group of people does things as part of their way of life	<b>Northern Hemisphere</b>	The half of the Earth that is north of the Equator
<b>Manufacturing</b>	Making things, for example, in factories	<b>Southern Hemisphere</b>	The half of the Earth that is south of the Equator
<b>Recreation</b>	Enjoyable activities, such as swimming or listening to music	<b>Tropical</b>	Hot and humid
<b>Trade</b>	Exchanging goods or services, usually for money	<b>Fertile</b>	Land that is good for growing plants
<b>Land Use</b>	How people use the land to help them survive	<b>Agriculture</b>	Farming the land
<b>Plantations</b>	Large areas of land used for one crop grown for money	<b>Longitude and Latitude</b>	<b>Latitude and longitude</b> are a system of lines used to describe the location of any place on Earth. Lines of <b>latitude</b> run in an east-west direction across Earth. Lines of <b>longitude</b> run in a north-south direction.