

# Knowledge Organiser Year 56 Geography: Central and South America

Key Knowledge Facts about South America	
<b>Countries</b>	Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Falkland Islands, French Guiana, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay and Venezuela
<b>Area</b>	17.84 million km <sup>2</sup> (Over 17 times the size of the UK and the fourth largest continent in size)
<b>Population</b>	Over 400 million
<b>Language</b>	Mainly Portuguese and Spanish
<b>Borders and Seas</b>	South America is bordered by The Pacific Ocean to the west, The Atlantic Ocean to the north and east, North America, Panama and The Caribbean Sea to the northwest
<b>Amazon River</b>	The Amazon river runs through Guyana, Ecuador, Venezuela, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia and Peru. The length of the Amazon River is approximately 6400 kilometres (4000 miles)
<b>Amazon rainforest</b>	The Amazon rainforest stretches over 9 countries; it is the world's largest tropical rainforest, famed for its biodiversity
<b>Machu Picchu</b>	Historical settlement located in the Andes in Peru built by the Incas in 1450



Tier 3 Vocabulary	
6 figure grid reference	A set of 3 digits (eastings) and 3 digits (northings) that identify where something is on a map eg 247 182
Latitude and Longitude	Imaginary lines on a map used to describe the location of any place. Latitude lines run east-west direction. Longitude lines run north-south direction.

Key Knowledge Facts about Central America	
<b>Countries</b>	Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama
<b>Area</b>	523,780 km <sup>2</sup> (double the size of the UK)
<b>Population</b>	42 million
<b>Language</b>	Spanish is the primary language spoken
<b>Borders and Seas</b>	Central America is bordered by Mexico to the north, Colombia to the southeast, The Caribbean Sea to the east, The Pacific Ocean to the west.
<b>Land use</b>	The land is fertile and rugged, and dominated through its centre by volcanic mountain ranges; which include active and dangerous volcanoes
<b>Central American Volcanic Arc</b>	The Central American Volcanic Arc (often abbreviated to CAVA) is a chain of volcanoes which extends from Guatemala to Panama
<b>Panama Canal</b>	The <i>Panama Canal</i> is an artificial 77 km (48 miles) waterway in Panama that connects the Atlantic Ocean with the Pacific Ocean

Things I should already know that are linked with this unit are: hot /cold places, continents (Y12), physical and human features (Y4), North America (Y45), Continents, climate, features (Y56)

This unit will help me at KS3 when I consolidate my knowledge of countries and their human and physical features and understand how human and physical features influence and change landscapes.