

Geography Lesson 2

Fill out the fact- file using the text below.



South America's Top 8

Complete the boxes.

Highest peak

Number of languages spoken

Largest lake

World's largest rainforest

Longest river

Highest waterfall in the world

Biggest country

City found furthest south in the world

Factfile

There are **12 countries in South America** (see list on the right) and **3 dependencies** with a total of **more than 385 million people** living on the continent.

Largest Country: Brazil. The country is covering more than half the continent's landmass. Did you know that Brazil is only slightly smaller than the USA?

Largest City: Sao Paulo in Brazil. With more than 21 million inhabitants (2019) Sao Paulo is also one of the ten biggest cities in the world.

Smallest Country: Suriname. The country is one of the 10 most sparsely populated countries in the world.

Longest River: Amazon River (6,437metres/4,000miles). The Amazon is not only the second longest river in the world after the Nile, but also the Amazon carries more water than the world's other 10 biggest rivers combined!

Highest Mountain: Aconcagua in Argentina. The mountain (6,961metres/22,837ft) is located in the Andes mountain range.

The Aconcagua is considered the second highest of the world's Seven Summits after Mount Everest which is in Asia.

Biggest Lake: Lake Titicaca (shared by Bolivia and Peru)



Driest Place: While South America's rain forests also are some of the wettest places on the earth, the Atacama desert in Chile is considered the driest place on earth. Read more about the world's deserts here.

Languages in South America: Spanish is the main language in South American countries, only in Brazil people speak Portuguese and in Surinam, formerly a Dutch colony, the official language is still Dutch. Many people speak also English as a second language. Quechua, the language spoken by the Inca, is the most common indigenous language.

Did you know? The southernmost city in the world is on the South American continent! The city is called Ushuaia, is located on the Argentinian part of the Tierra del Fuego and more than 55,000 people live there. Read more about Argentina here.

Nature superlatives:

- Atacama desert is the driest place in South America
- Angel Falls are the world's highest waterfalls
- Amazon River Basin is the world's largest river basin
- The Andes are the world's longest mountain range

South America's landscape is dominated from mountains and highlands such as the Andes, river basins such as the Amazon and Orinoco and coastal plains where the Atacama Desert also belongs to.