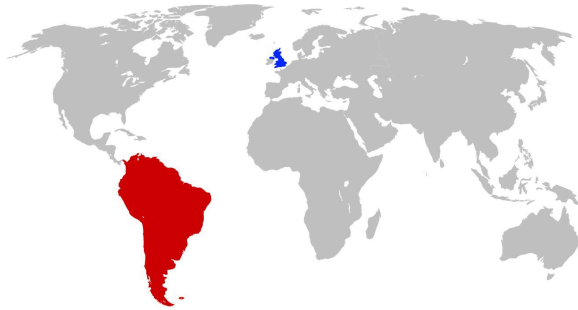


Map of South America



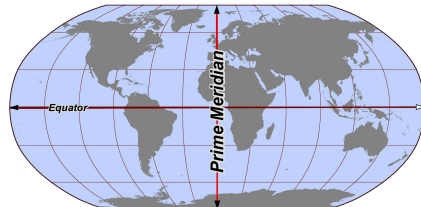
World Map showing the United Kingdom (Blue) and South America (Red)



South America

The countries of South America – there are twelve countries and two territories on this continent.

Vocabulary

South America	South America is a continent in both the Western hemisphere and primarily the Southern hemisphere.
continent	A continent is a large landmass which is made up of a group of countries.
hemisphere	 <p>The Northern and Southern Hemisphere is the land which is separated by the equator. The Eastern and Western Hemisphere is separated by the Prime and 180th Meridian.</p>
climate	The weather conditions prevailing in an area in general or over a long period.
The Andes	A mountain range in western South America which runs for about 4500 from Columbia and Venezuela to Chile.
human geography	The branch of geography dealing with how human activity affects or is influenced by the Earth.
physical geography	The branch of geography dealing with natural features.
trade	The action of buying and selling goods and services.
dependent territory	An territory which is governed by an overseas country. The Falkland Islands (UK) and French Guiana (France) or examples of these.
population	How many people live in a specific area.

Remember - Weather is **what you get**; Climate is **what you expect**.

Tropical Wet	Found along the equator. Direct sunlight throughout the year. Constant warm temperatures and regular rainfall.
Tropical Wet and Dry	Found within the tropics (slightly higher/lower than the equator). Direct sunlight throughout the year. Two seasons – wet and dry.
Humid Subtropical	Stays warm throughout the year. Generally Found on East coasts of continents. Large storms such as hurricanes and cyclones often hit these areas.
Mediterranean	Warm, dry summers and cool, mild winters. Only found in coastal areas as the sea has a large impact on this climate.
Subarctic	Only found in inland areas in the Northern Hemisphere. Extreme cold during the winter and very short, mild summers. Very little rain due to cold temperatures.
Tundra	Found along the Arctic Ocean, this is an extremely cold climate during winter. Summers are cool and the ground is permanently frosted.
Ice Cap	The most extreme climate on earth. Temperatures regularly reach -67 Celsius. Can experience days with 24 hours of darkness.
Arid	Dry climate (not desert). Temperature can vary between 54 and -34 Celsius.
Semi-Arid	Somewhat dry. Transition from Arid to another climate. Dry with some irregular rain. Dangerous for human occupation due to droughts.
Highland	This is the climate which is found around high land such as at the top of mountains. It can vary greatly between the top and the bottom.

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