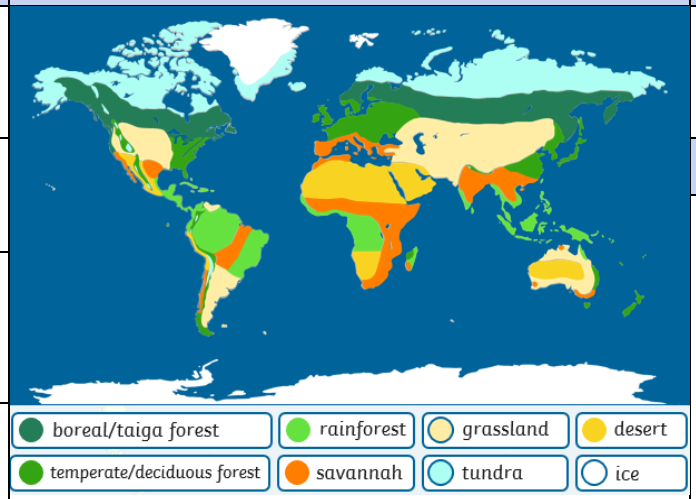
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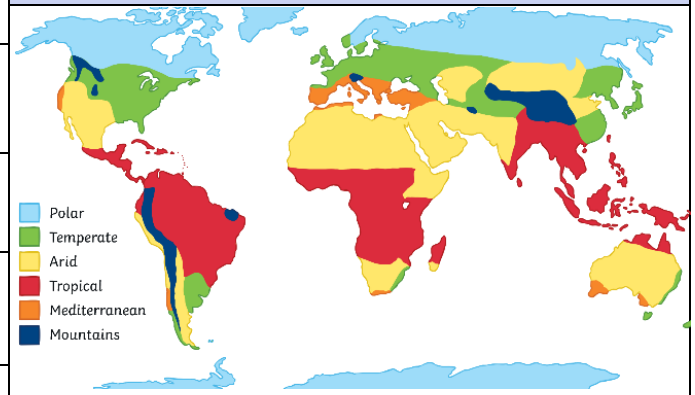
biome	an area of the planet that can be classified according to the flora and fauna that live in it
climate	the weather patterns in a place over a long period, such as seasonal rainfall and temperatures
climate zones	divisions of the earth's climates into general climate zones according to average rainfall and average temperatures
economy	the system of how money is made and used within a particular country or region
export	selling goods to another country
flora	the plants native to an area, such as trees, flowers and grasses
fauna	the animals native to an area, such as birds, reptiles and insects
import	to buy or bring something in from another country
rainforest	forest rich in biodiversity, found typically in tropical areas with consistently heavy rainfall
vegetation belt	an area where similar types of plant life grow, adapted to the conditions there

Biomes



Can you identify the biomes in South America?

Climate Zones



Can you identify the climate zones in South America?

South America

South America is the fourth largest continent in size and includes 12 countries.

Physical

- **Amazon River** (second longest river in the world)
- **Amazon Rainforest** is the world's largest rainforest covering part of 9 different countries with over half of it located in Brazil
- the **Andes Mountain Range** (longest mountain range in the world)
- the highest **waterfall** in the world is Santo del Angel (**Angel Falls**) in Venezuela
- the **Atacama Desert** in Chile is considered to be one of the driest places on Earth
- **Lake Titicaca** is a large, deep lake in the Andes on the border of Peru and Bolivia

Human

- main languages spoken: Spanish and Portuguese
- Brazil is the seventh largest **economy** in the world
- main industries: electronics, textiles, food, automotive, aviation, naval, clothing, beverage, steel, tobacco, timber, chemical, among others
- **major exports:** sugar, bananas, cocoa, coffee, tobacco, beef, corn, and wheat
- **major imports:** machinery, vehicles and parts, chemicals and pharmaceuticals, paper, textile products, and other manufactures
- **deforestation** is a major issue for the Amazon Rainforest
- **tourism** has increasingly become a significant source of income for many South American countries



Brasilia (capital of Brazil)



Buenos Aires (capital of Argentina)



Machu Picchu in Peru is an ancient city built by the Incas. Now a popular tourist destination.

