

Knowledge Organiser UKS2 Geography ~ South America

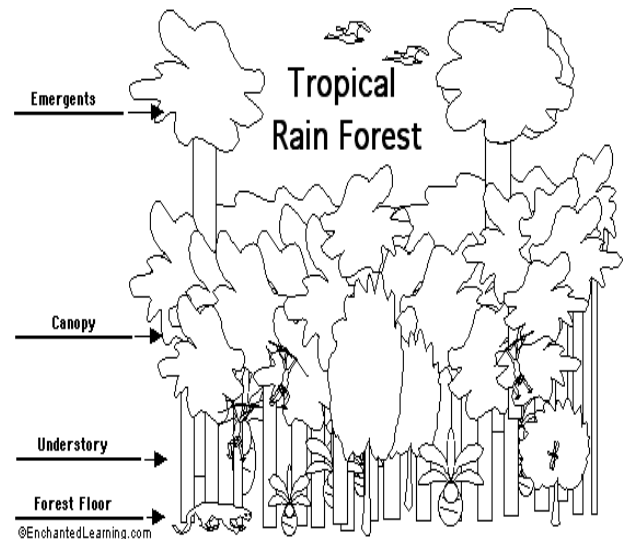


Key Human Geography

Settlements	Where people live in cities, towns and villages
Nixiwaka Yawanawa tribe	Indigenous group of native people living in the Amazon between Peru and Bolivia. They are predominately hunters and fishermen.
Land use	How do the people use the land to help themselves survive
Agriculture	Farming the land
Plantations	Large areas of land used for one crop grown for money
Trade Links	Exchange of goods, crops, products for money between people and countries
De-forestation	The removal of the tropical rainforest for farmland

Key Physical Geography

Amazon Basin	Tropical rainforest
Andes	Mountain Range in South America
Amazon River	A body of water that runs through the continent.
Tropical wet climate zone	Also known as a rainforest. It has predictably warm weather and regular rainfall.
Tropical forest biome	A hot moist area where because of the year-long rain, vegetation is dense.
Emergent layer	Giant trees push above the canopy and grow mushroom-like crowns
Canopy	Broad irregular trees grow a dense, continuous canopy of leaves 60-90 feet above the ground
Understory layer	Small trees and shrubs that can grow in low light
Forest floor	Dark, damp ground level



Key Facts

South America is a continent with many countries in it.
There are five time zones in South America.
The Amazon River is 6400KM long (the second longest river in the World).
The Amazon River starts in the high Andes, Peru.
The equator runs through the South American countries Ecuador, Brazil and Columbia.
The climate zone for the Rain Forest is "tropical-wet" and the biome is "tropical-forest".
The Rain Forest is divided into four sections: They are (from highest to lowest) the emergent, canopy, understory and forest floor