Walk On Water

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Knowledge Organiser

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Geography	Year 5	South America



South America — is made up of 12 countries. The largest is **Brazil**. Bolivia and Paraguay are both **landlocked**. **Lake Titicaca** is the continent's biggest lake. South America is located in the **western hemisphere** and mainly in the southern **hemisphere.** It is bordered to the north by the continent of North America and the **Caribbean Sea, Pacific Ocean, Atlantic Ocean** and the **Southern Ocean.**

Diversity — Rainforests and **Atacama desert** in Chile.
The **Incas** were the largest group of **indigenous people** in South America when the Europeans arrived. **Spanish** is the main language and Quechua is the language spoken by the Inca.

Mountains

Western coastline — Andes mountain chain and tectonic plate boundary.

Mountains formed through process of subduction.

There is great seismic activity in this area as it is part of the Pacific Ring of Fire.

Topographic map shows the mountainous areas.



This is location of a tectonic plate boundary.

Major Mountain Ranges

Andes— the name comes from the Quechua word anti, meaning highest crest. It is 4,300 miles long and straddles 7 countries. Many cities have developed on the plateaus. Bogotá in Columbia is the world's highest capital city. Machu Picchu is a famous ancient abandoned Ican citadel.

- Aconcagua is the highest peak at 6,961 m
- Ojos del Salado is the highest active volcano



Machu Picchu

Rivers

Amazon is the largest river basin in the world. It is home of the **Angel Falls** waterfall, which is the highest in the world.

Major Rivers

Amazon - has an area of almost 2.7 million square miles making it the largest river basin in the world.

Orinoco— flows north of the amazon. It flows in a giant arc.

Paraná— covers almost 1.1 million square miles.



Population

Most of the **population** live near western and eastern coasts. The movement of the population from **rural** to **urban** areas has sped up the economic growth. Most people follow the **Roman Catholic religion.**

Most Populous Cities

1. São Paulo, Brazil.
2. Buenos Aires, Argentina
3. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
4. Bogotá, Columbia
5. Lima, Peru



Key Vocabulary

Landmass	A large continuous area of land
Landlocked	No access to the sea
Indigenous	Native to a country
Colony	A country occupied by another country
Median	Middle value when arranged in order
Populous	With a large population
Sparsely	With only a small number of people
River basin	Portion of land drained by a river
Tributary	A river that flows into another river
Discharging	Flowing into
Topographic	Relating to the physical features of an area
Subduction	The movement of one tectonic plate below another
Seismic	Relating to earthquakes
Citadel	In the past—a place for shelter or safety