

Geography Subject Knowledge Bank

Year 6: North and South America-How diverse are their places and landscapes?

| <u>Vocabulary</u> | <u>Definition</u> |
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| Tropical zones | Part of the Earth between the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn |
| subarctic | A region south of the arctic |
| altitude | The height of a point in relation to sea level |
| relief | Difference in height from the surrounding terrain |
| Domestic | Happening inside a particular country |
| International | Happening outside of a particular country |



North and South America facts

- There are 35 countries in North and South America.
- 22 Countries in North America and 13 in South America
- There are 296 languages in North America
- There are 448 languages in South America
- Spanish is the most spoken language, followed by English then Portuguese.

How do people move around North and South America?

- There is an extensive road network across both North and South America.
- Railways are less common.
- Many people in USA prefer to use planes to move between cities that are a long distance away from each other.



What is the climate like?

- Latitude is measured in degrees
- Parts of Canada can have a subarctic climate and central southern Canada area has very cold winters and hot summers.
- The climate in New York differs from Los Angeles.
- Tropical zones can result in a warmer, humid climate (Mexico)
- High altitudes can impact climates (Argentina & Columbia)

What is the economic output of North and South America?

- Economic activity is the things that a country or city make or services that they give.
- GDP is the gross domestic product which is the standard measure of the value added created through the production of goods and services in a country during a certain period.



What are the different physical features of geography?

- **South America** can be divided into three **physical** regions: mountains and highlands, river basins, and coastal plains.
- North America can be divided into five physical regions: the **mountainous west**, the **Great Plains**, the **Canadian Shield**, the **varied eastern region**, and the **Caribbean**.