

# South America - The Amazon



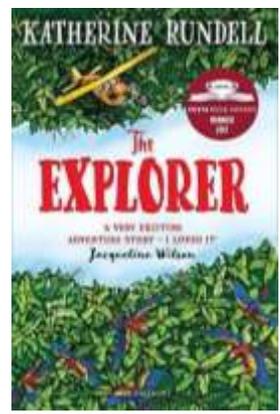
## Key Vocabulary

<b>continent</b>	land mass defined by physical, human, or cultural features: Europe, Africa, Asia, Oceania, North America or South America
<b>Amazon River</b>	the longest river in South America. It flows through Peru, Botivia, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador and Brazil.
<b>climate</b>	weather patterns in a place over a long period, such as seasonal rainfall, sunshine and temperatures
<b>rainforest</b>	a luxuriant, dense forest rich in biodiversity, found typically in tropical areas with consistently heavy rainfall.
<b>deforestation</b>	the action of clearing a wide area of trees.
<b>Southern Hemisphere</b>	the part of the earth that lies south of the equator.
<b>biome</b>	a large group of similar ecosystems
<b>habitat</b>	The place a plant or animal lives
<b>biodiversity</b>	all the different kinds of life you'll find in one area
<b>plants</b>	living things that grow from the soil and turn light from the Sun into food
<b>animals</b>	living things that can move around by themselves to find food
<b>layers</b>	a section of something
<b>tribe</b>	a group of people including many families, clans, or generation
<b>settlement</b>	places where people live and sometimes work
<b>economy</b>	the way in which goods and services are made, sold, and used in a country or area
<b>agriculture</b>	the cultivating of the soil, producing of crops, and raising of livestock



physical features.

## Our Class text



South America on the map

<b>Key knowledge</b>
The Amazon is a vast region that spans nine countries: Brazil, Botivia, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Guyana and Suriname, as well as French Guiana (an overseas territory of France).
The Amazon River Basin is home to the largest rainforest in the world and covers almost 40% of South America.
The Amazon River is the second longest river in the world after the Nile.
The Amazon has a tropical climate, which is typical in areas close to the equator (12 degrees north or south of the equator). There are only two seasons: wet and dry.
More than half of the world's species of plants and animals are found in the rainforests.
Rainforests only cover around 2 percent of the total surface area of the Earth. The Amazon is the largest tropical rainforest.

