

Activity - Amazing Amazon facts

Use these amazing facts about Brazil and the Amazon to begin discovering what the Amazon rainforest is like. Group the facts into four piles: ecosystems, physical features, climate and resources. Pupils can underline key words or, as an extension, research more information around each fact, e.g. where is Manaus?

Curriculum links:

Geography:

Identify key physical features of the rainforest

Use aerial photographs to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features

Starter questions:

What is an ecosystem?

What is the climate in the UK?

What are some of the physical features of the UK?

This might help:

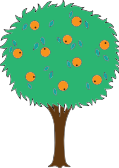
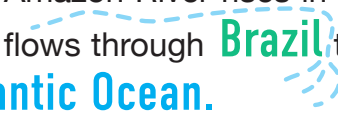
The National Geographic has more facts about the Amazon rainforest and the animals that live there:

ngkids.co.uk/did-you-know/amazon-facts



Activity Sheet - Amazing Amazon facts

Use these amazing facts to discover what the Amazon rainforest is like and how it compares to the rest of Brazil. Cut out the facts and group them into four piles: ecosystems, physical features, climate and natural resources. Underline key words, or words that sum up each card, e.g. Amazon river, longest and 6,400 km.

The tropical rainforest ecosystem covers about 60% of Brazil. 	Brazil is rich in gold, diamonds, iron, tin, zinc, aluminium and other minerals. 	The Amazon River is the longest river in the world. It is 6,400 km long. 
The Amazon contains an estimated quarter of all animal and plant life on earth. 	It is hot and wet all year round in Manaus. 	Most of Brazil's mountain ranges have an average height of... 
Brazil has many different types of soil to grow crops. It exports coffee, sugar, soy beans, and oranges. 	The Amazon River rises in Peru and flows through Brazil to the Atlantic Ocean. 	Brazil gets 90% of its electricity from hydro-electricity. 
The climate in Rio is different. It is mild and wet and has seasons like the UK. 	The Amazon rainforest has the largest river system on earth, containing about one-fifth of all fresh water. 	The Amazon rainforest has been called the 'lungs of the Earth' because of the oxygen released by the trees. 