



South America- The Amazon  
 What is life like in the Amazon?  
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## Vocabulary

**Continent** – a large solid area of land. Earth has seven continents

**The Amazon** – can be referred to as a region, a river, a rainforest or a river basin

**Weather** - is short term. It happens in our atmosphere from day to day. It includes precipitation, temperature, wind and humidity

**Climate** - It is the average weather pattern of a place over many years. The main climates are: **Polar, Temperate, Subtropical, Tropical**

**Indigenous** – the first people to live in a region

**Shifting cultivation** - an agricultural system where plots of land are used temporarily

**Nomadic**- a person who moves from place to place

**Deforestation**- the clearing or cutting down of forests



## Sticky Knowledge

The Amazon is a vast region that spans across nine countries: including Brazil, Bolivia and Peru.

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 largest river in the world (based on how much water it discharges into the sea), greater than [the next seven largest rivers combined](#).

The Amazon has a tropical climate, there are only two seasons: wet and dry.

There are a variety of different ecosystems in the Amazon but the main one is the Rainforest.

The people of the rainforest traditionally live sustainable lifestyles, using the natural resources found in the rainforest for food, clothing and housing.