

Nuts about Brazil!

Did you know that Brazil is the largest country in South America? It takes up nearly half of the land on the **continent**. It is also the fifth largest **nation** in the world because of its **area** and population (the number of people living there). It is located on the eastern side of South America with a coastline running along the Atlantic Ocean. It really is an interesting country with **diverse** people and beautiful **landscapes**. What a lovely place for a holiday!

Capital City: Brasilia

Population: Over 180 million people

Main Language Spoken: Portuguese

Currency: Real

Size (area): Over 8.5 million square kilometres

Major Cities: Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro and Salvador



People and Culture

The people of Brazil come from a wide range of different backgrounds and cultures. This mixture of people has led to the country being rich in different religions, music, food and **traditions**.

Brazilians also love sport. They are football crazy and their country has produced some of the most successful players in the world, including Pele! Brazil has won the FIFA World Cup finals a record five times, which is more than any other country in the world.



Rio Carnival

Brazil is also home to the world's largest **carnival** – Rio Carnival. Each year, nearly 2 million people take to the streets of Rio de Janeiro to enjoy the parades. They experience lively music, **energetic** dancing and fancy costumes.



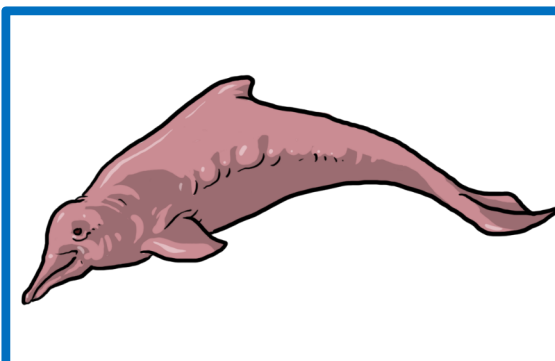
Landscape

The Brazilian landscape is best known for the Amazon (the world's largest rainforest) in the north. The Amazon rainforest is home to the largest number of animal and plant **species** in the world. Throughout the country, there are also dry grasslands, **rugged** hills, large pine forests, **widespread** wetlands and long coastlines.

The River Amazon flows through Brazil and is the second longest river in the world (after the Nile in Egypt). Thousands of species live in the river, including the piranha fish and the boto (or pink river dolphin).

The Olympics

The 2016 Olympics were held in Rio de Janeiro throughout August. This is a **worldwide** sporting event which happens every four years. It was watched by millions of people across the globe. More than 10,000 athletes competed and took home a record number of medals. Hosting the Olympic Games led to **development** all over the country and which will attract many visitors in the years to come.



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1. What is the capital city of Brazil?	1. What is the capital city of Brazil?
2. The coastline of Brazil is located by which ocean?	2. The coastline of Brazil is located by which ocean?
3. How many times has the Brazilian football team won the FIFA World Cup?	3. How many times has the Brazilian football team won the FIFA World Cup?
4. Why do the following words from the text start with a capital letter? 'Brazil, South America, Olympics'.	4. Why do the following words from the text start with a capital letter? 'Brazil, South America, Olympics'.
5. Look at the following sentence: 'The River Amazon flows through Brazil and is the second longest river in the world (after the Nile in Egypt)'. Why has the writer chosen to include the information in brackets?	5. Look at the following sentence: 'The River Amazon flows through Brazil and is the second longest river in the world (after the Nile in Egypt)'. Why has the writer chosen to include the information in brackets?
6. Use a dictionary to find the meaning of the word 'currency'.	6. Use a dictionary to find the meaning of the word 'currency'.
7. How do the pictures help the reader to understand the text?	7. How do the pictures help the reader to understand the text?
8. Suggest a different title for this report.	8. Suggest a different title for this report.
9. Summarise the content of the paragraph 'Rio Carnival'.	9. Summarise the content of the paragraph 'Rio Carnival'.
10. Write down three facts that you have found out about Brazil from reading the text.	10. Write down three facts that you have found out about Brazil from reading the text.
11. How do the sub-headings help us understand the information in the text?	11. How do the sub-headings help us understand the information in the text?
12 .List three things you would like to do if you visited Brazil.	12 .List three things you would like to do if you visited Brazil.
13. What else would you like to find out about Brazil?	13. What else would you like to find out about Brazil?