

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.



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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?
2. The coastline of Brazil is located by which ocean?
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'.
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'.
7. How do the pictures help the reader to understand the text?
8. Suggest a different title for this report.
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.
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.
13. What else would you like to find out about Brazil?

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Comprehension

1. **Brasilia**
2. It is located by the Atlantic Ocean.
3. They have won the competition five times.
4. They are proper nouns so need capital letters: proper nouns are the specific names for things which include people, places and organisations.
5. The information in brackets adds extra information which helps with the reader's understanding of the information.
6. Pupil response may vary dependent on dictionary used. Answers should relate to money.
7. They help to build a picture in the reader's mind of what Brazil is like. They help to make sense of the text.
8. Pupil responses will vary. Examples could include: All About Brazil.
9. Brazil hosts world's largest carnival which entertains 2 million people with music and dance.
10. Pupil responses will vary. All suggestions to be taken directly from the text.
11. The sub-headings help to organise the text and help us to find information more quickly by telling us what each section of the text is about.
12. Pupils' responses will need to make reference to what Brazil has to offer.
13. Pupil responses will vary.

Vocabulary 1

diverse: having lots of different kinds; coming from more than one group

nation: a large group of people living in the same place

landscape: all of what can be seen of an area of land, such as the countryside or a woodland

culture: the ideas, beliefs and traditions of a particular group of people

continent: one of the main landmasses of the world, such as Europe or South America

currency: the type of money used in a country

area: the amount of space something takes up

tradition: the handing down of beliefs and customs from one generation to the next

carnival: a street festival where people are entertained by music and dance

energetic: having lots of energy; active

widespread: found across a large area

rugged: something with a rocky and uneven surface

Answers

Year 1 Mastery/Year 2 Developing/Year 3 Emerging (Gold)