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1a. Brazil - The Land

This fact sheet introduces you to the beautiful country of Brazil with its varied scenery.



- 1 Look at the short movie clips below to see what life in Brazil is really like. Can you write some notes on what you have found out about living in the country?

www.brazil.org.uk/school/video.html



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RIO DE JANEIRO



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1.1 How big is the country?

Look at the maps (see these links at the end of the sheet)

- Brazil is the largest country in South America.
- It is the fifth largest country in the world. The four countries larger than it are USA, China, Russia and Canada.
- It is thirty five times bigger than United Kingdom.
- It has borders with all the South American countries except Chile and Ecuador.
- The capital city of Brazil is Brasília.



BRAZIL CONSISTS OF FIVE REGIONS

1.2 Why was it called BRAZIL?

- 🍃 The country is named after brazilwood, a large tree whose trunk contains a prized red dye. It was discovered by early explorers, who used the name pau-brasil to describe it. Pau is Portuguese for “wood”, and brasil is said to have come from brasa, Portuguese for “ember” – a glowing material left after a fire has gone out.
- 🍃 The River Amazon is the world’s second longest river.
- 🍃 Large areas of the country are covered by tropical rainforests.



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1.3 What language do the people of Brazil speak?

- 🍃 The official language is Portuguese because the first European settlers came from Portugal.
- 🍃 The Indian tribes living in remote areas speak their own languages.

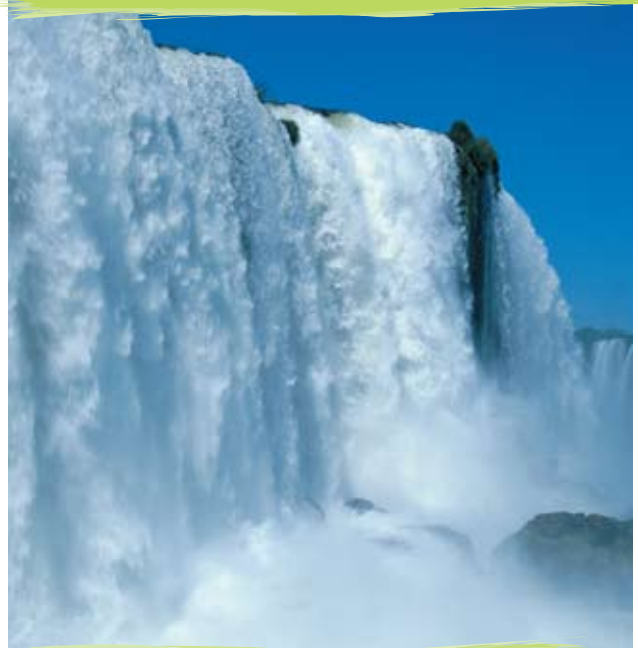


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XINGU INDIANS

1a.4 What else is Brazil very famous for?

- 🍃 The most popular sport in Brazil is football, while motor racing (Formula 1) is also very popular.
- 🍃 Carnival is celebrated every year throughout the country and is a time of great parades, music and fun.
- 🍃 The Iguazu Falls are one of the most spectacular sights in the country. They can be found in the south of the country on the border with Argentina.



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IGUAÇU FALLS



COLOURFUL CARNIVAL



FOOTBALL CRAZY!

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SEE THESE LINKS!

Map showing countries across the world:

www.ibge.gov.br/7a12/mapas/mundo/planisferio_pol.pdf

Map showing continents:

www.ibge.gov.br/7a12/mapas/mundo/continentes.pdf

Photo of Pau-Brazil:

upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/f/fb/Paubrasil.jpg

Physical map of Brazil:

www.ibge.gov.br/ibgeteen/atlasescolar/mapas_pdf/brasil_fisico.pdf

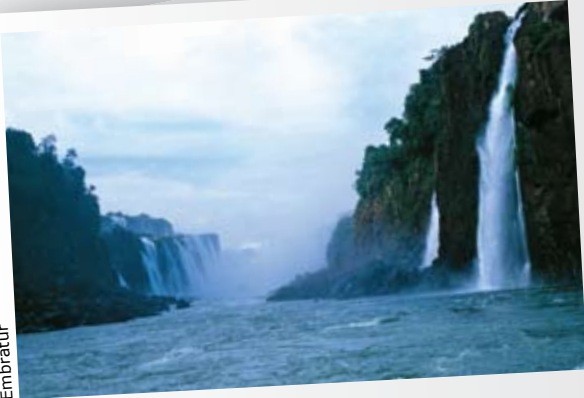
Iguaçu Falls:

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iguazu_Falls

World Factfile for Brazil

www.guardian.co.uk/country-profile/brazil

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muddy waters meet the sea



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