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2a. Brazil - The Environment

This fact sheet allows you to see how varied the countryside is across Brazil.

2.1 What is the weather like in Brazil?

- ☺ The weather is nearly always warm across the whole country.
- ☺ Look at the site www.bbc.co.uk/weather for details of the weather in Brazil today. How different is it from the weather in your area today?
- ☺ Most of Brazil is in the Southern Hemisphere where the seasons are the opposite to those in the Northern hemisphere.
- ☺ The Brazilian summer goes roughly from January to March.
- ☺ Autumn is from May to June.
- ☺ Winter is between July and September.
- ☺ Spring is between October and December.
- ☺ In most parts of the country the weather is the same all year round. However, heavy rain falls in areas around the Amazon river and can result in flooding.



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WHERE IS THE SUGAR LOAF?

- There is different weather in the north east of the country where there is less rain. The result is that there are sometimes periods of drought while in parts of the south there are sometimes frosts and even occasional snow!

2a.2 What is the land like?

- Brazil is situated between the Atlantic Ocean in the east and the Andes mountains in the west. It has a very long coast which extends from French Guyana in the north to Uruguay in the south.



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RAINFOREST

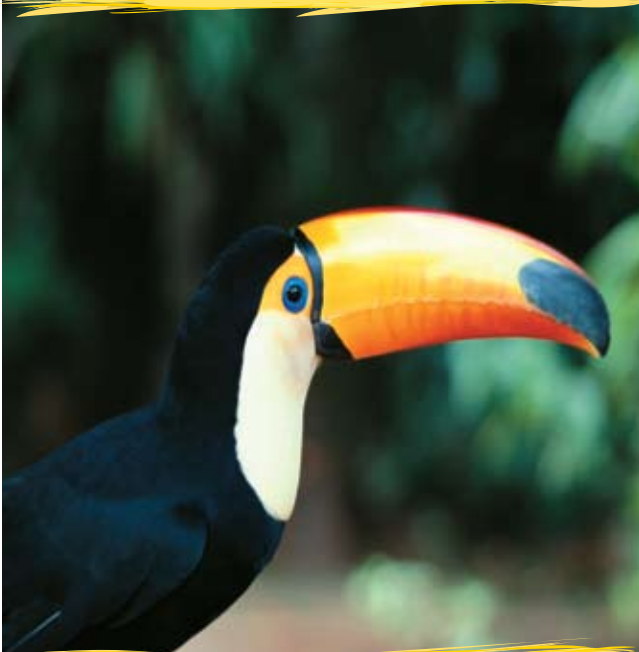
- Just over half of the country is covered by tropical rainforest. The rainforest, as its name suggests, has a lot of rain all year round. It is made up of over 2,000 different types of trees that grow in these hot and wet conditions while thousands of different species of plants, animals and insects also live here.

- The spectacular Iguazu Falls are one of the great natural wonders of the world. Look at the photographs and work out why this is the case.



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ANTS IN THE RAINFOREST



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TOUCAN IN IGUAÇU BIRD SANCTUARY



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IGUAÇU FALLS

☺ The other half of the country is made up of different types of land – grasslands, semi-deserts and forests. Some of these areas are hot and dry and are covered by grasslands and shrubs. The desert areas are extremely hot and dry and only plants that can stand drought will grow. Along the coast there are palm trees and pine forests.



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SEMI-DESERT VEGETATION



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DROUGHT IN THE NORTH EAST



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AN ISOLATED TREE

Photo Gallery



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a sunny day...



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...but not always



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enjoying the sunshine



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a coconut palm