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Year 6 Autumn 1
The Amazon Rainforest

Developing Experts

Key Vocabulary	
climate zone	is a region that has a particular pattern of weather over a long time.
biome	an area where specific plants and wildlife live in a certain type of climate.
tropical	an area that is very hot and humid; usually near the equator.
temperate	a place with mild temperatures and seasons.
arid/ semi-arid	to have little or no rain, usually very dry.
mountainous	a rocky and high place, usually very cold and without much vegetation.



AMAZON RAINFOREST

Location
South America (mainly Brazil, also Peru, Colombia, and 6 other countries)

Size
~5.5 million km² (world's largest rainforest)

River
Amazon River (2nd longest in the world, largest by water volume)

Biodiversity
~10% of all known species on Earth (plants, animals, insects)

Climate
Hot and humid, tropical climate with heavy rainfall

Role in Earth's System
Produces ~20% of the world's oxygen, major carbon sink

Challenges faced by the Amazon


Deforestation: trees are being cut down for farming, animal grazing and logging.


Climate change: rising temperatures and less rain are harming plants and animals.


Fires: many parts of the forest are being burned, often on purpose to clear land.


Pollution: many animals and plants are losing their homes and could disappear forever.



PHYSICAL AND HUMAN FEATURES OF BRAZIL

Physical Features (Nature)

Amazon Rainforest – the world's largest rainforest

Amazon River – the 2nd longest river on Earth

Mountains & Highlands Brazilian Highlands cover much of the country

Wildlife – jaguars, toucans, sloths, and pink river dolphins

Human Features (People & Culture)

Maracanã Stadium – one of the biggest football stadiums in the world

Football – Brazil's most Loved sport

Carnival – world-famous festival with costumes, music & dancing

Food – feijoada (bean stew), tropical fruits, street food