



What should I already know?

Now that I understand the geography of Britain, I will now compare it with the America's, to identify what similarities and differences there are with this continent.

Walking the Americas: Big questions

<p>Where is North America? Our opening task will introduce us to the North American continent and human/ physical features of it.</p>	<p>Profile of Canada/ Jamaica Having gathered information about the features, we will now apply our understanding by creating a profile of either Canada or Jamaica.</p>	<p>Where is South America? Having understood the location of places in North America, we will compare with South America.</p>
<p>Features of South America We have recognised South America is more complex and will take time to explore the human and physical features.</p>	<p>Profile of Chile/ Galapagos Now we know about the location and features of South America we will create an in depth profile of a South American country, to demonstrate this knowledge.</p>	<p>How do the Americas compare with the UK? This final task is our chance to explore the world's diversity by comparing an American country we have studied with the UK.</p>

Vocabulary

North America	A continent forming the northern portion of the landmass of the Americas.
South America	A continent forming the southern portion of the landmass of the Americas.
Latin America	Countries of the Americas where Spanish, Portuguese, and French are spoken.
Caribbean	The region consisting of the Caribbean Sea and its islands.
Hemisphere	A half of the earth, usually as divided into northern and southern halves by the equator.
Mainland	A large continuous extent of land that includes the greater part of a country or territory.
Province	A political area within Canada.
Precipitation	Rain, snow, sleet, or hail that falls to or condenses on the ground.
Topographical map	A map of the physical features of an area.
Landscape	The visible features of the land, such as hills or mountains.
Elevation	Height above sea level.
Administrative	Running of a business or organization.
Gulf	Deep inlet of sea surrounded by land.
Agriculture	The practice of farming crops (plants) and livestock (animals).
Export	Send goods to another country for sale.
Import	Brings goods in from another country for sale.
Climate	The average temperature, weather and humidity for an area.



Map of North America



Map of South America



Key facts

Canada
 Capital city: Ottawa
 Population: 36,307,820
 Official Language: English, French
 Area: 9,970,610 square kilometres

Jamaica
 Capital city: Kingston
 Population: 2,961,000
 Official Language: English
 Area: 10,991 square kilometres

Chile
 Capital city: Santiago
 Population: 19,120,000
 Official Language: Spanish
 Area: 756,950 square kilometres

Galapagos
 Capital city: Puerto Baquerizo Moreno
 Population: 25,000
 Official Language: Spanish
 Area: 8010 square kilometres

Reading and media suggestions

- 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell
- DK Eyewitness Canada/ Chile/ Caribbean
- North and South America - The Study Book, CGP
- Rise of the Continents: The Americas by Iain Stewart (BBC)
- Pole to Pole (BBC)