

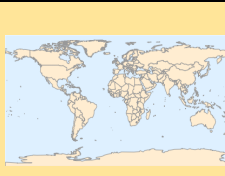
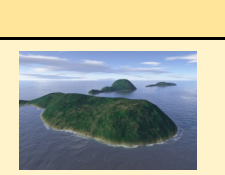
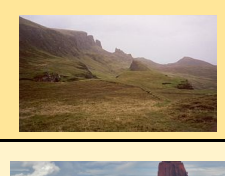
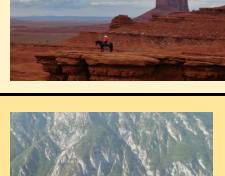
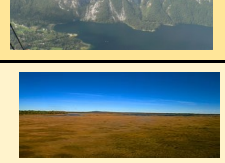
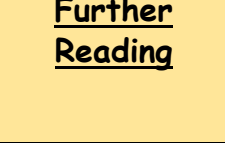


Continents of North and South America:

How do regions within the South-American continent vary and compare to other regions around the world?

Vocabulary

	precipitation	Rain, snow, sleet, or hail that falls to the ground or condenses on the ground.
	biome	A biome is a large region with a certain climate and certain types of living things.
	border	A border is a real or artificial line that separates geographic areas. For example, borders can separate countries, counties and cities.
	archipelago	A group of islands closely scattered in a body of water, such as an ocean.
	highlands	An area of high or mountainous land.
	plateau	A plateau is a flat, landform that rises sharply above the surrounding area on at least one side.
	basin	A depression, or dip, in the Earth's surface. Basins are shaped like bowls, with sides higher than the bottom.
	plain	A large area of flat land with very few trees.

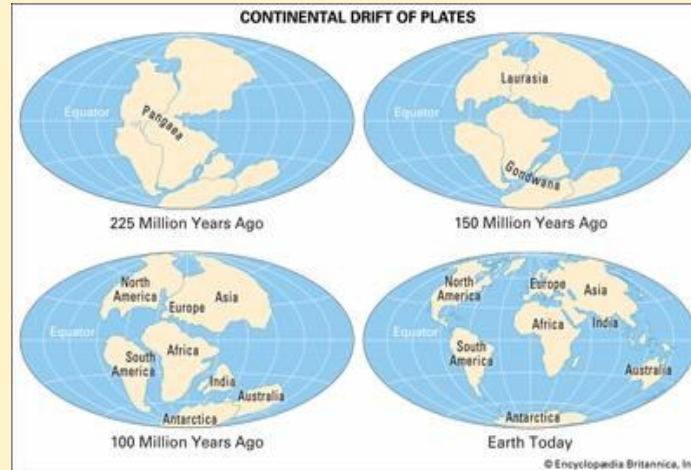
Further Reading

<https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/South-America/353792>

<https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/North-America/353542>

Continents

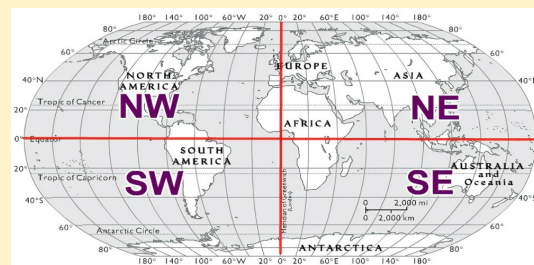
Continents rest on massive slabs of rock called **tectonic plates**. The plates are always moving and interacting in a process called plate tectonics. The continents are still moving today.



The continent of Australia can also be known as **Australasia** or **Oceania**.

Hemispheres

Some of South-America is in the Northern Hemisphere!



North and South America



North-America

- **Central America** is the southern portion of the continent of North America. Central America is considered one of the world's biodiversity hotspots.
- **North-America** has all the major types of biome present on the continent.

South-America



The **Andes** is the world's longest mountain range.

The **Amazon** is considered the world's largest river by volume.



Chile is the longest country in the world. If you laid it over **Europe**, it would stretch from **Sweden** to **Portugal**.



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Assessment

	Working Towards	At Expected	Above Expected
Can use geographical vocabulary related to this unit of work.			
Can explain what a continent is and describe how regions within them vary,			
Can recall some simple geographical facts about North and South-America.			
Can describe at least one region of South America in detail: <i>Highlands/mountains, river basins or coastal plains.</i>			

QUESTIONS/WAYS TO DEEPEN YOUR LEARNING

Character	Critical Thinking	Creativity	Communication	Citizenship	Collaboration
Which region would you like most to travel to and why?	How do you think continents may change over time?	Create a way to help other children remember the facts you have learned.	What is the least number of words you can use to describe the three regions of South-America (those studied)?	How are people working together to sustain the biodiversity in Central America?	Choose a region. What additional questions can you record and work with a partner to answer together?