

# The Climate and Weather of South America

## Activity 1:

South America has a wide range of climate zones. Let's take a look at the climate map of South America in your Atlas Buddy, on page xiv. Study the map carefully to answer the following questions. Don't forget to check the legends.

1. Much of South America, especially the northern part, has what type of climate?

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2. The west coast of northern Chile and Peru has what type of climate?

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3. The southern coast of Chile has a very similar climate to the Seattle region in the Pacific Coast states. Look at page vii in your Atlas Buddy. That climate zone is called

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4. Much of the climate east of the Andes in central and northern South America has two types of warm tropical climate. They are

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

5. Much of Uruguay, Paraguay, and northeastern Argentina have what type of climate?

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

6. In what three countries are most of the arid (dry) and semiarid climates?

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_

7. Much of the mountain climate is located in what part of South America?

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8. Which country among those listed here has a partly tropical climate?

Argentina Chile Peru Uruguay \_\_\_\_\_

## Activity 2:

Find an atlas in your school library or classroom. Locate a precipitation map of South America. Answer the following questions.

1. Much of the Amazon River Basin receives how much precipitation?

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2. What is the range of precipitation that much of Paraguay and Uruguay receive?

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3. What is the range of precipitation that Argentina receives for the entire country?

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4. Would you have enough precipitation to start a farm in northern Chile?

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