

South America

Geography

Year 5/6

Lesson 1 of 6

Learning Objective	Resources	
To find out about the location and countries of South America.	Slides Worksheet 1A/1B/1C/1D Atlases South America Map (FSD? activity only)	
Teaching Input		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do you already know about South America? Give children a few minutes to discuss this in pairs then share with the rest of the class. Show children the questions on the slides. How many of these questions can you answer? What is South America? Where is South America? How big is South America? What languages are spoken in South America? What countries are there in South America? Which seas and oceans surround South America? Go through the information on the slides about South America as a class. How many of our answers to the questions were correct? What else would you like to find out about South America? Invite children to share their ideas. 		
Main Activity		
<u>Lower ability:</u> On worksheet 1A, children to use an atlas to help them fill in the labels on the map of South America, completing the names of each of the countries.	<u>Middle ability:</u> On worksheet 1B, challenge children to use an atlas to label each of the countries in South America.	<u>Higher ability:</u> On worksheet 1C, challenge children to use an atlas to label each of the countries in South America as well as their capital cities.
Fancy something different...?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide children with worksheet 1D and the South America Map sheet. Challenge children to unscramble each of the groups of letters to identify each of the South American countries. When finished, give children some time to try and memorise as many of the countries as they can. They can then test each other to see how many of the countries they can remember. 		
Plenary	Assessment Questions	
How many of the 14 countries and territories of South America can you remember without looking at the map? See if they can remember all 14 as a class.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can children locate the continent of South America on a world map? Can children name the countries of South America? Can children identify the countries of South America on a map? 	