

South America

Geography

Year 5/6

Lesson 2 of 6

Learning Objective		Resources
<p>To find out about the climate in South America.</p>		<p>Slides Worksheet 2A/2B/2C South America Climate Map Climate Zone Map World Map Secondary information sources (FSD? activity only)</p>
Teaching Input		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show children the map of South America on the slides with the blank labels for the names of the countries. How many of the countries can you remember? Give children some time to talk to a partner, then check on the slides. How would you describe where South America is on a world map? Invite children to share their ideas, then show them the world map with the equator labelled. What would you expect the climate in South America to be like and why? Invite children to share their ideas, then go through the information on the slides about the varied climates of South America. 		
Main Activity		
<p><u>Lower ability:</u></p> <p>Provide children with the South American Climate Map and worksheet 2A. Children to use the map to help them answer the questions on the worksheet.</p>	<p><u>Middle ability:</u></p> <p>Provide children with the Climate Zone Map, World Map and worksheet 2B. Children to use the map to help them answer the questions on the worksheet.</p>	<p><u>Higher ability:</u></p> <p>Provide children with the Climate Zone Map, World Map and worksheet 2B. Children to use the map to help them answer the questions on the worksheet. When finished, challenge children to define each of the climates listed on worksheet 2C.</p>
Fancy something different...?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Split the class into groups and challenge each group to find out about the climate in a particular South American country using a variety of secondary sources. They could, for example, create bar graphs to show average temperatures or rainfall in a particular location, or describe how this climate affects the landscape and people in the area. When children have finished, give each group some time to present what they found out to the rest of the class. 		
Plenary	Assessment Questions	
<p>Which (if any) parts of South America do you think would have a climate most similar to ours? Which climate of South America do you think is most different to ours? Why? Invite children to share their ideas.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do children know that different parts of the world have different climates? Can children name and locate some of the different climates in South America? Can children describe some of the different climates in South America? 	