

Year 4 Geography

How is North America different to South America?

Prior learning

In **Year 3**, you learnt about Louisiana, which is a state in North America. You also learnt about The Amazon River and rainforest, which runs through South America.

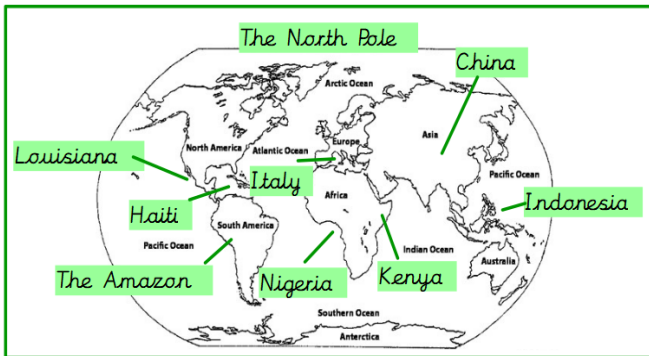
Earlier in Year 4, you learnt about the volcanoes in Italy. In this unit, you will discover the volcanic landscapes of North America.

Future learning

Later in Key Stage Two, you will be learning about the continent of Asia through studying China in **Year 5** and Indonesia in **Year 6**. You will compare the human and physical geography of these places with that of North and South America.

In this topic you will:

- Locate North and South America on a map of the world.
- Identify key human and physical characteristics of North America, including learning about its volcanoes and national parks.
- Identify key human and physical characteristics of South America, including learning about The Atacama Desert, The Andes Mountains and The Galapagos Islands.
- Compare and contrast the human and physical geography of different regions of North and South America with the UK.
- Learn about trade between America and the UK.



Key Vocabulary

Climate Zone	Climate zones are areas with distinct climates, which occur in east-west direction around the Earth.
Time Zone	The time system followed by a specific country based on its location.
Greenwich Meridian	Any location lying east of the Greenwich Meridian is in the Eastern Hemisphere. Any location lying west of the Greenwich Meridian is in the Western Hemisphere.
Prime Meridian	The prime meridian is the imaginary line that divides Earth into two equal parts: the Eastern Hemisphere and the Western Hemisphere.
State	North America is a country, made up of 50 smaller states.
Border	The border between two regions is a line, where one region is next to the other.
Import	When a country brings (goods or services) into a country from abroad for sale.
Export	When a country sends (goods or services) to another country for sale.
Currency	A system of money in general use in a particular country.
Trade	The action of buying and selling goods and services.
Tourism	Holidays and visits to places of interest.
Settlement	Settlements are places where people live and sometimes work.

