

# Oak Geography Knowledge Organiser

## Map of Brazil and Neighbouring Countries



Flag of Brazil - "A Auriverde"



## Key Vocabulary

**Favela:** Brazilian Portuguese for slum, is a low-income historically informal urban area in Brazil

**Human Feature:** man-made features such as roads or bridges

**Physical Feature:** natural features such as rivers or mountains

**Deforestation:** the action of clearing a wide area of trees

**Rainforest:** a dense forest rich in biodiversity, found typically in tropical areas with consistently heavy rainfall

**Biodiversity:** the variety of plant and animal life in the world or in a particular habitat, a high level of which is usually considered to be important and desirable

**Equator:** an imaginary circle around Earth. It divides Earth into two equal parts: the Northern Hemisphere and the Southern Hemisphere. It runs east and west halfway between the North and South poles

**Tropics:** The region of Earth's surface that is closest to the Equator is called the tropics. Two imaginary lines that circle the globe mark the boundaries. The line called the Tropic of Cancer marks the northern edge and the line called the Tropic of Capricorn marks the southern edge

**Biomes:** Biomes are areas of our planet with similar climates, landscapes, animals and plants.

**Vegetation Belt:** an area with distinct plant types, determined by climate, soil, drainage and elevation.

**Climate zones:** The weather changes in different parts of the world. Where there are similar weather patterns this is known as a climate.

## Key Facts

- Brazil is the largest country in South America
- Portuguese is spoken in Brazil and is the only country in South America that speak Portuguese
- Brazil is the 5th largest country in the world by both land area and population
- The capital city is Brasilia, while the largest city is Sao Paulo. Other major cities include Rio de Janeiro, Salvador and Fortaleza
- Brazil shares a border with all South American countries except for Chile and Ecuador
- The Amazon River flows through Brazil, it is the one of the longest rivers in the world
- Around 60% of the Amazon Rainforest is located in Brazil
- The climate in the majority of Brazil is tropical
- Football is the most popular sport in Brazil with the national team consistently among the best in the world, winning the World Cup a record 5 times
- The flag of Brazil, known in Portuguese as A Auriverde (The Yellow-and-Green One), is a blue disc depicting a starry sky, spanned by a curved band inscribed with the national motto "Ordem e Progresso" ("Order and Progress"), within a yellow rhombus, on a green field