

## Activity - Amazing Amazon facts

Use these amazing facts about Brazil and the Amazon to begin discovering what the Amazon rainforest is like. Group the facts into four piles: ecosystems, physical features, climate and resources. Pupils can underline key words or, as an extension, research more information around each fact, e.g. where is Manaus?

### Curriculum links:

#### Geography:

Identify key physical features of the rainforest

Use aerial photographs to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features

### Starter questions:

What is an ecosystem?

What is the climate in the UK?

What are some of the physical features of the UK?

### This might help:

The National Geographic has more facts about the Amazon rainforest and the animals that live there:

[ngkids.co.uk/did-you-know/amazon-facts](http://ngkids.co.uk/did-you-know/amazon-facts)



## Activity Sheet - Amazing Amazon facts

Use these amazing facts to discover what the Amazon rainforest is like and how it compares to the rest of Brazil. Cut out the facts and group them into four piles: ecosystems, physical features, climate and natural resources. Underline key words, or words that sum up each card, e.g. Amazon river, longest and 6,400 km.

<p>The tropical rainforest ecosystem covers about <b>60%</b> of Brazil.</p> 	<p>Brazil is rich in gold, <b>diamonds</b>, iron, tin, zinc, aluminium and other minerals.</p> 	<p>The Amazon River is the <b>longest</b> river in the world. It is 6,400 km long.</p> 
<p>The Amazon contains an estimated <b>quarter</b> of all animal and plant life on earth.</p> 	<p>It is <b>hot</b> and <b>wet</b> all year round in Manaus.</p> 	<p>Most of Brazil's mountain ranges have an average height of...</p> 
<p>Brazil has many different types of soil to grow crops. It exports coffee, sugar, soy beans, and <b>oranges</b>.</p> 	<p>The Amazon River rises in <b>Peru</b> and flows through <b>Brazil</b> to the <b>Atlantic Ocean</b>.</p> 	<p>Brazil gets <b>90%</b> of its electricity from hydro-electricity.</p> 
<p>The climate in Rio is different. It is <b>mild</b> and <b>wet</b> and has seasons like the UK.</p> 	<p>The Amazon rainforest has the largest river system on earth, containing about <b>one-fifth</b> of all fresh water.</p> 	<p>The Amazon rainforest has been called the '<b>lungs of the Earth</b>' because of the oxygen released by the trees.</p> 