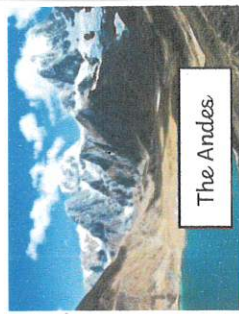
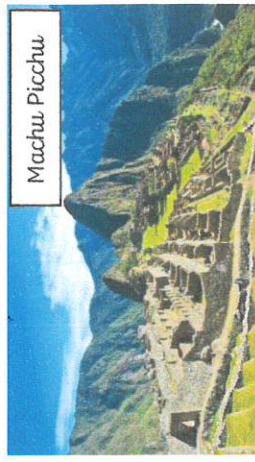


How Can You Compare Different Places?

Physical Geography The natural features of a place or environment.	oceans and coastlines rivers and lakes mountains and volcanoes flora and fauna land-form
Human Geography Features of an environment that have been shaped by people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> country/region boundaries buildings, roads and land use changes to river courses language/signs religion, government, art and music



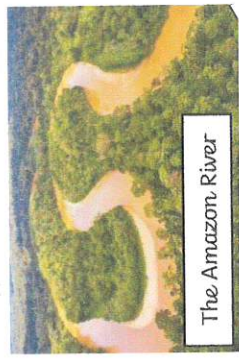
The Andes.



Machu Picchu



Atacama Desert



The Amazon River

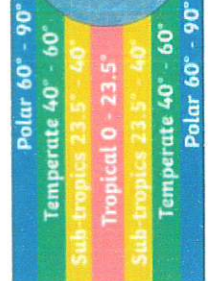
South America landscapes

Climate Groups

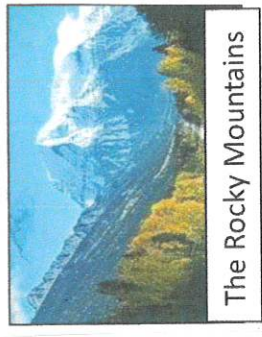
The Köppen System is a **climate** classification system. It is split into five main groups which each consist of a range of climate types:

- Temperate - hot dry summers, and cooler wetter winters, Mediterranean e.g. United Kingdom
- Continental - long, cold winters and short, hot summers, inland areas e.g parts of Turkey
- Polar - long periods of extreme cold, tundra, ice cap e.g. Antarctica
- Tropical - hot and humid, wet, rainforest e.g. Brazil
- Dry - arid, desert e.g. Saudi Arabia

The four main **climate** zones, determined by **latitude**.



The Grand Canyon



The Rocky Mountains

North America landscapes

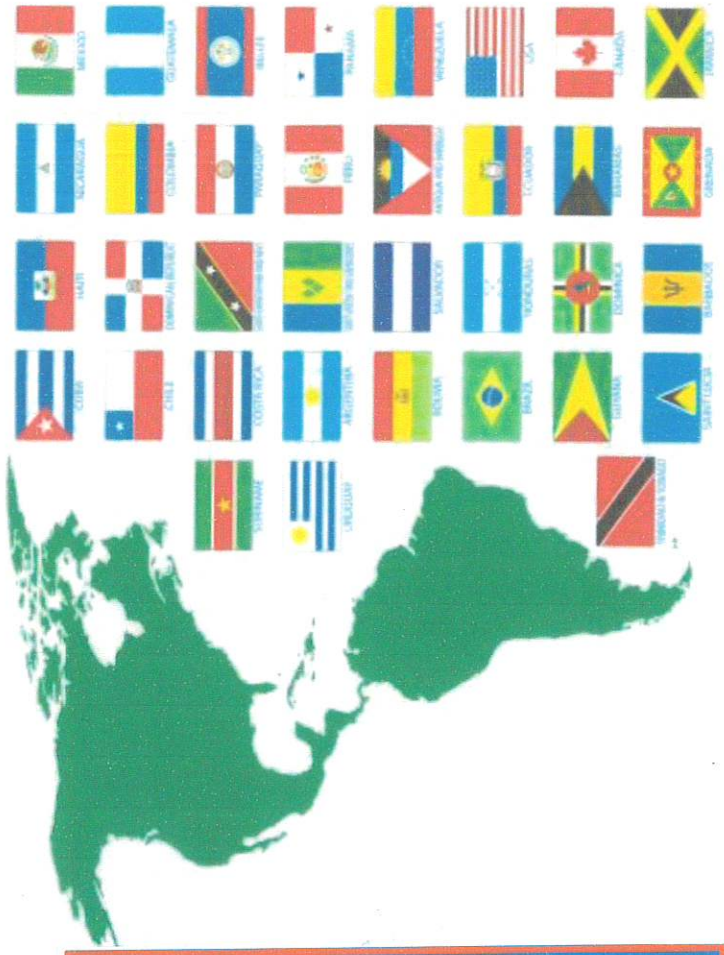
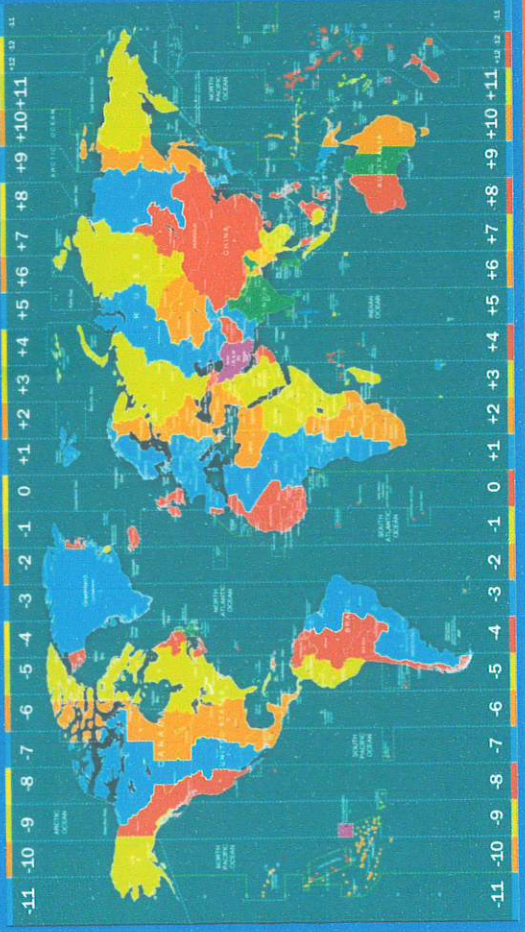


Hubbard Glacier



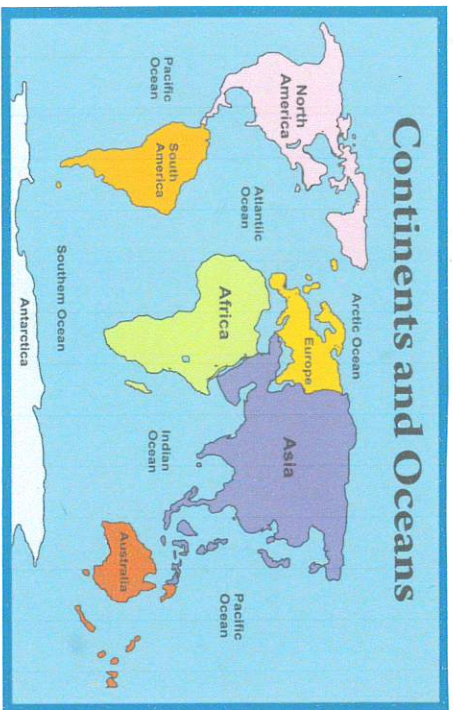
Niagara Falls

This map shows the time zones of the world. All the countries in red in the '0' section follow Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). This includes the UK, Portugal and parts of west Africa.



Year 6

The Americas



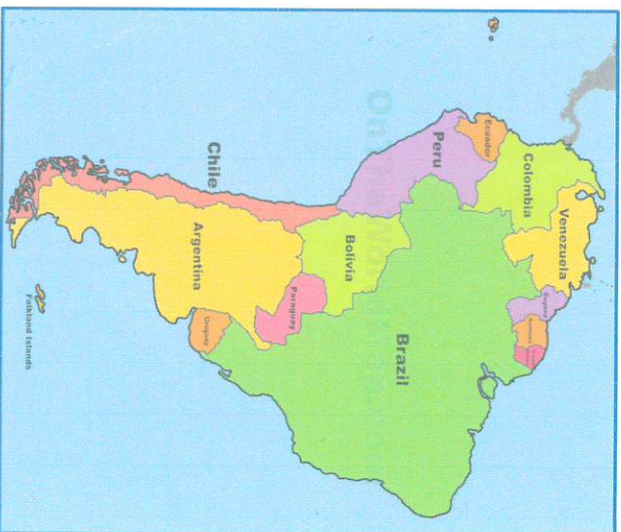
The USA is divided into 50 states. Canada is divided in 10 provinces and 3 territories.

The countries below Mexico are known as Central America but are classified as being located in the continent of North America.



Most of the islands off the coast of North America are known as the Caribbean Islands.

The 4 main languages spoken in North America are English, Spanish, French and Creole.



General information:

South America is a **continent**. It has **12 countries** plus 2 regions that belong to European countries: (1) The Falkland Islands which is a British territory, and (2) French Guiana which is owned by France. The **equator** runs through the the north of the continent. The country Ecuador literally means equator in Spanish. Most of the continent is in the **southern hemisphere**.

All countries in South America speak Spanish apart from Brazil, where they speak Portuguese.

The Americas

- The Americas are two separate **continents** consisting of North America and South America.
- North America contains 23 different countries.
- The Americas cover a huge area of the globe, extending over several lines of **latitude** and **longitude**.
- The characteristics of different countries and regions vary significantly, including **weather**, **land use** and **flora** and **fauna**.



Key Vocabulary

biomes	A large geographical area which is home to certain plants and animals, specially adapted to suit the environment.
climate	The usual or average weather conditions over a long period of time.
continent	A large landmass made up of many countries .
country	An area that is controlled by its own government.
equator	An imaginary line around the globe at latitude 0° north dividing the earth into northern and southern hemispheres.
flora/fauna	Plant and animal life.
latitude	Imaginary parallel lines which circle the globe from east to west.
longitude	Imaginary lines which run north to south across the globe from pole to pole.
weather	The specific atmospheric conditions on a given day including temperature and rainfall.