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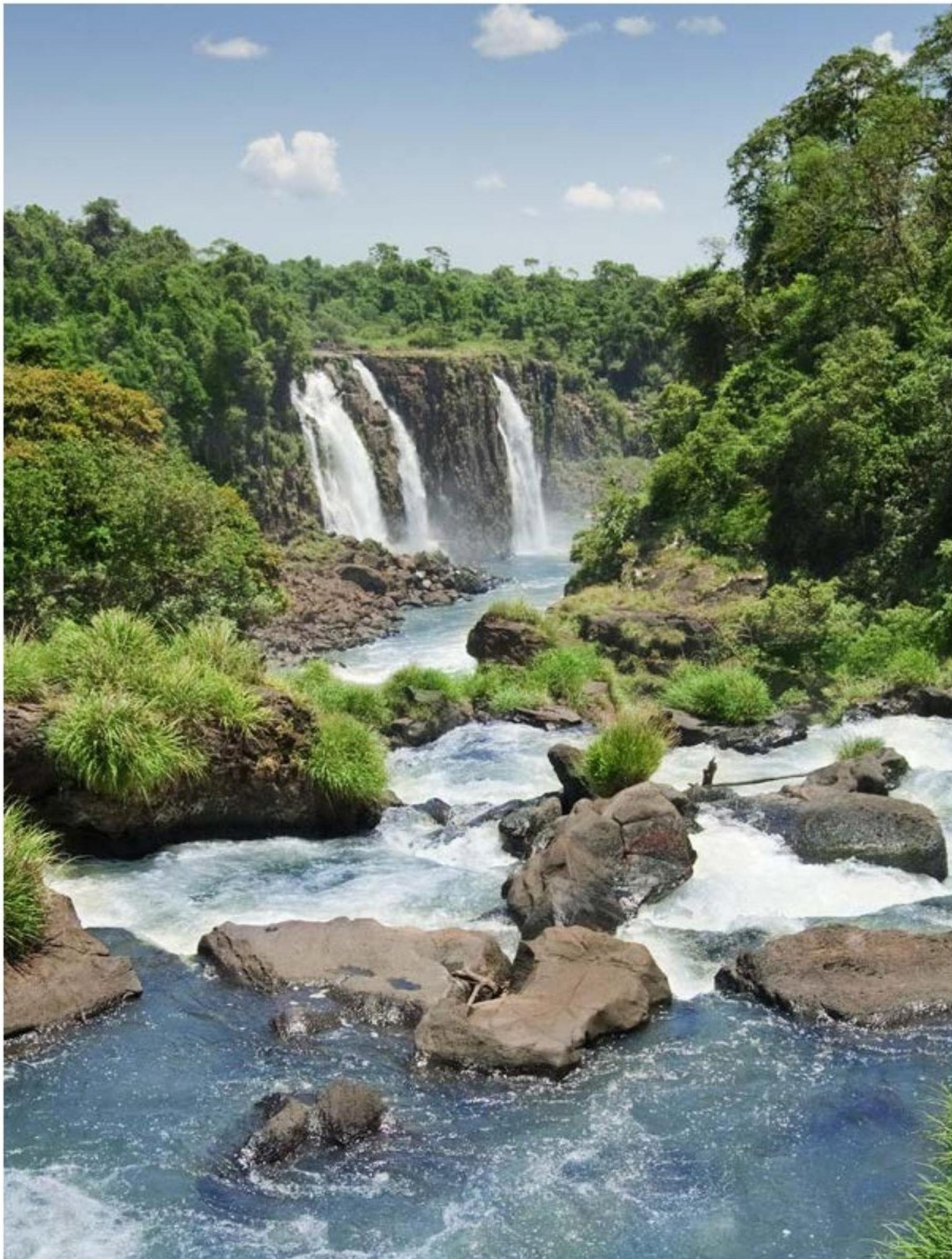
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## Where Is It?

Brazil is the biggest country in South America.  
It covers almost half of the continent.

Other countries **border** it to the north, south, and west.

The Atlantic Ocean is to the east.

The capital city of Brazil is Brasília (bruh-ZIL-yuh).

Brasília became the capital in 1960.

The city was built to be the capital.

It was built in only a few years.



Brasília has many new buildings.



Futebol (FOOT-bohl), or soccer, is the most popular sport in Brazil.

## People

More than 200 million people live in Brazil.

Most people in Brazil speak Portuguese (POR-chuh-geez).

Most people in Brazil live in cities.

Many of these cities are on  
the **coast**.

Some people live in the country.



São Paulo (SOW POW-low) is the largest city in Brazil.

## Brazil's Landforms



## Land

Brazil has many different kinds of land.

It has beaches and tall mountains.  
It also has flat land covered with water.



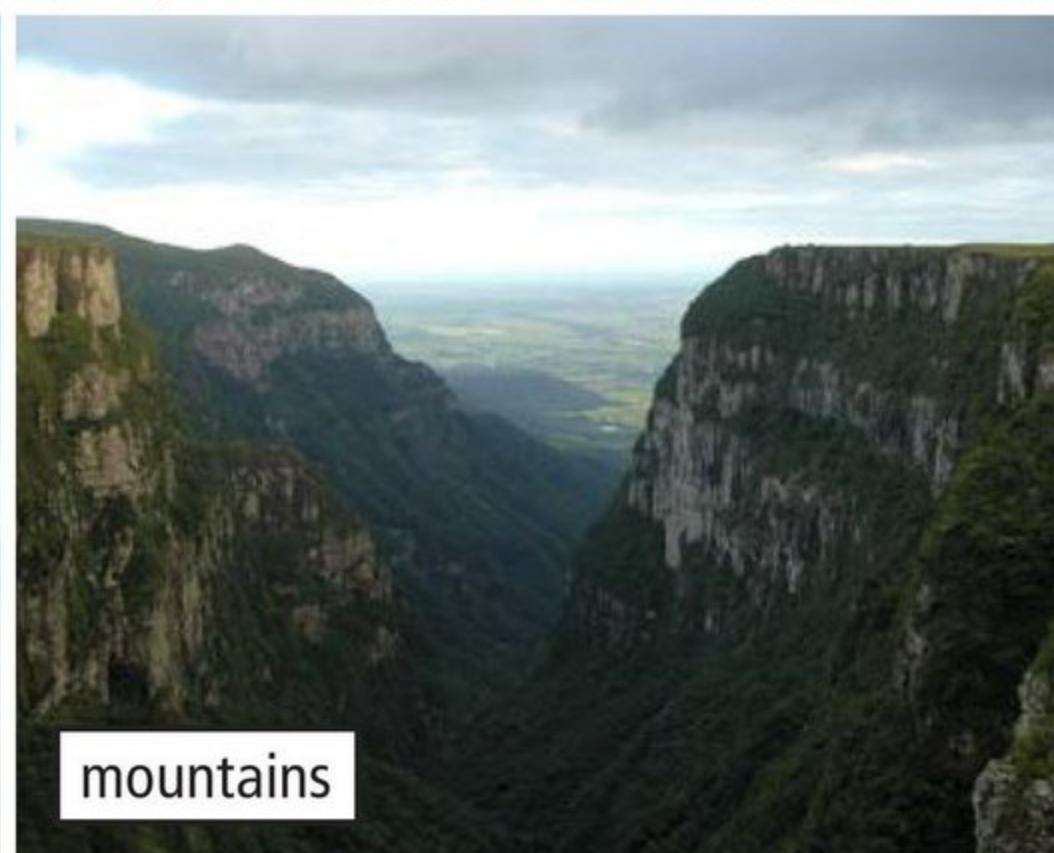
wetlands



Amazon River



beaches



mountains

Brazil is home to the Amazon  
rainforest.

It covers almost half of Brazil.

It is the biggest rainforest  
in the world.

The Amazon River runs through  
the rainforest.

It is one of the longest rivers  
in the world.



One of the largest celebrations for Carnaval is held in Rio de Janeiro (REE-oh DAY zhuh-NAIR-oh).

## Celebrations

People in Brazil celebrate Carnaval.

The holiday happens during Brazil's summer.

It goes on for four days.

People dress up and walk  
in big **parades**.

People play many different kinds  
of music.

The party is one of the biggest  
in the world.



During Carnaval, people dance special dances.



sloth



red tree frog



parrots

Sloths, frogs, and parrots live in the Amazon rainforest.

## Animals

Many animals live in the Amazon rainforest.

Parrots live there.

They have colorful feathers.

Colorful frogs live there, too.

They live on the ground and in the trees.

Many ants live in the rainforest.

Fire ants and leaf-cutter ants live there.

Many spiders live in the rainforest, too.

The biggest spider in the world lives there.



Leaf-cutter ants (top) can cut and carry very large pieces of leaves. The biggest spider in the world (bottom) can eat birds.



A large statue near Rio de Janeiro is Brazil's most famous landmark.

## Conclusion

Brazil is an exciting country.  
It has big cities.  
It has forests filled with  
many animals.  
What do you like most about Brazil?



**Population:** 202,656,788

**Land:** 8,458,417 sq km (3,265,813 sq. mi.)

**Capital City:** Brasília

**Primary Language:** Portuguese

**Currency:** Real (ray-AHL)



Source: Central Intelligence Agency (July 2014), World Bank

## Glossary

<b>border</b> ( <i>v.</i> )	to be next to another country, state, or area (p. 5)
<b>Carnaval</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	a festival with music and dancing that takes place during Brazil's summer (p. 10)
<b>coast</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	the area where land meets the ocean (p. 7)
<b>continent</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	one of the main areas of land on Earth, including Africa, South America, Asia, Europe, North America, Australia, and Antarctica (p. 4)
<b>parades</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	lines of people or vehicles moving forward at a regular pace as part of a celebration or ceremony (p. 11)
<b>rainforest</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	a dense forest, usually in a tropical area, that receives a lot of rain and has many different plants and animals (p. 9)

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**Front and back cover:** Rio de Janeiro (REE-oh DAY zhuh-NAIR-oh) is a very large city in Brazil. It has many beaches.

**Title page:** Iguazu (EH-gwah-SOO) Falls is a series of waterfalls between Brazil and Argentina.

**Page 3:** People wear colorful costumes during Carnaval, a holiday in Brazil.

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