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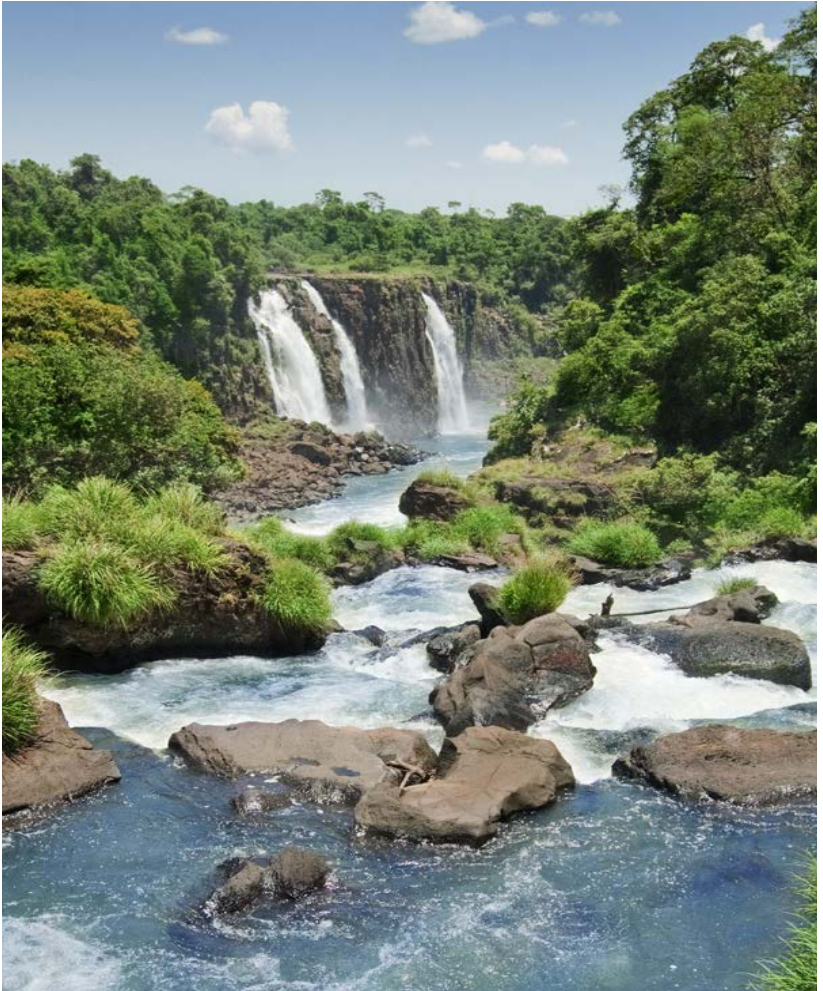
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Where Is It?

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.



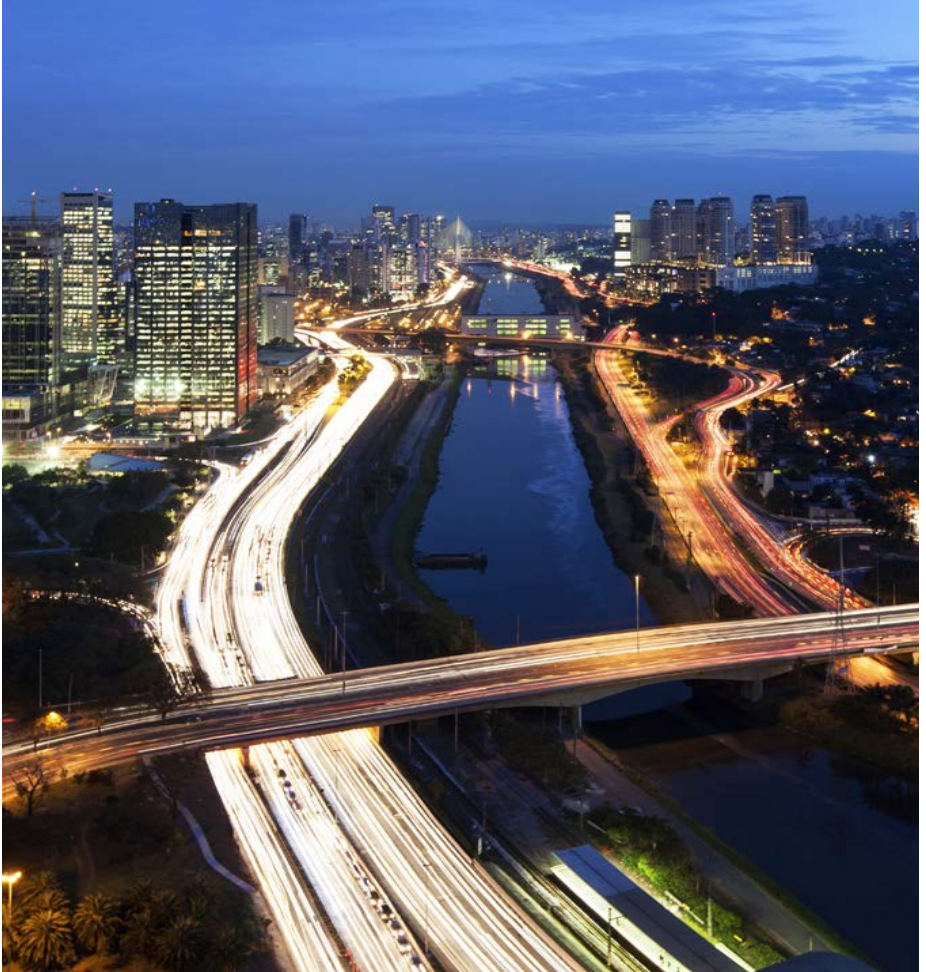
Futebol (FOOT-bohl), or soccer, is the most popular sport in Brazil.

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

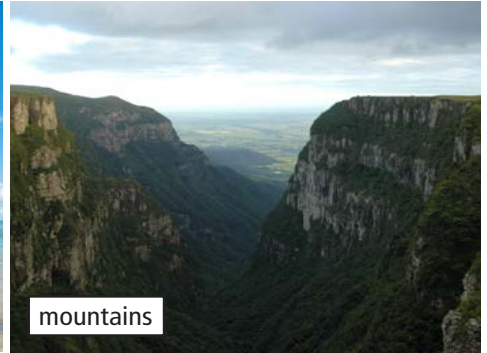


Land

Brazil has many different kinds of land.

It has beaches and tall mountains.

It also has flat land covered with water.



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 Carnival 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 Carnival, 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

- border** (*v.*) to be next to another country, state, or area (p. 5)
- Carnaval** (*n.*) a festival with music and dancing that takes place during Brazil's summer (p. 10)
- coast** (*n.*) the area where land meets the ocean (p. 7)
- continent** (*n.*) one of the main areas of land on Earth, including Africa, South America, Asia, Europe, North America, Australia, and Antarctica (p. 4)
- parades** (*n.*) lines of people or vehicles moving forward at a regular pace as part of a celebration or ceremony (p. 11)
- rainforest** (*n.*) 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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Discussion Questions

Evaluate:

What is interesting about the Amazon rainforest?

Analyze:

Why do you think the author calls Brazil an exciting country?

A nighttime photograph of a city skyline, likely Rio de Janeiro, with numerous illuminated buildings and lights reflecting on the water in the foreground. The sky is dark with some clouds.

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