

Stanchester Academy
Year 8- Geography- Autumn Term 1- Brazil

Keywords		
1	River Amazon	Brazil's largest river and second largest river in the world (6580km)
2	Brazilian Highlands	an area characterised by ancient hills, plateaux and mountains
3	ecosystem	a unit made of living and non-living organisms
4	tropical rainforest	a biome found between the tropics of cancer and Capricorn, where it is hot and wet all year round
5	Pantanal	worlds' largest swampland. Contains water loving plants and giant anaconda
6	Caatinga	semi – arid desert like region containing shrubs and cacti
7	Cerrado	tropical grassland region, also known as savanna
8	Mata Atlantica	large, forested region where Brazil trees grow. Only 10% still survives
9	Pampas	grassy plains, which have been heavily cultivated for cattle ranching

Tropical Rainforests		
1	buttress roots	wide ridges of roots that support the base of the tree and transport water
2	drip tips	pointy tips that funnel water off the leaves to prevent them rotting
3	lianas	woody creepers, rooted to the ground. carried by trees into canopy
4	epiphytes	air plants. These live in branches high in the canopy to seek sunlight
5	leaching	heavy rainfall dissolving and carrying away nutrients from within the soil
6	subsistence farming	sustainable small-scale farming, where people grow enough food to eat
7	shifting cultivation	land is cultivated for a short period of time, then left to rejuvenate
8	slash and burn	land cleared by fire which returns nutrients into the soil to help plants grow
9	selective logging	fully grown trees are chosen to be cut down

Development		
1	newly emerging economy	a country which has begun to experience high rates of economic development and rapid industrialisation
2	favela	a squatter settlement (illegal settlement)
3	migration	the movement of people from one place to another
4	push factor	reasons to leave a place e.g. high unemployment
5	pull factor	reasons to move to a new place e.g. greater employment opportunities
6	rural-urban migration	moving from the country to a town/city
7	Brasilia	the capital city of Brazil. A “new city” built in 1960
8	Rio de Janeiro	a megacity located on the South East coast of Brazil. It is a city of global importance due to tourism and trade
9	Rocinha	a large favela located in Rio de Janeiro