

CHAPTER 8 Activity Workbook



Brazil and Its Neighbors: Activity 1

Recognizing the Five Economic Regions of Brazil

The vast South American country of Brazil has varied climates and many different landforms. As a result, Brazil contains five separate economic regions, each with its own distinctive characteristics.

DIRECTIONS: Matching Match each item in Column A with the statements in Column B. Write the correct letters in the blanks. Use your textbook for help.

COLUMN A

- A. North Brazil
- B. Northeast Brazil
- C. Southeast Brazil
- D. South Brazil
- E. West Central Brazil

COLUMN B

- _____ 1. Mineral resources and fertile farmland are found in this region.
- _____ 2. Few people live here.
- _____ 3. Farmers have cleared coastal rain forests.
- _____ 4. Brazil has encouraged industry in this region's rain forest.
- _____ 5. Huge cattle herds roam its vast plains.
- _____ 6. Major products from here include sugarcane, cotton, cacao, and sisal.
- _____ 7. New roads have allowed more people to settle here.
- _____ 8. Soil is poor, and the land is overgrazed.
- _____ 9. Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo are located here.
- _____ 10. Holly leaves are used to make *yerba maté*, a popular drink.

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Brazil and Its Neighbors: Activity 2

Locating Brazil and Its Neighbors

Brazil, which sweeps from the Atlantic Ocean to the Andes Mountains, has the largest land area of any country in South America. The countries of Caribbean South America extend along the Caribbean Sea. Uruguay and Paraguay lie in the east central part of the continent.

A. DIRECTIONS:

Locating Places

Study the political map. Then follow these directions:

1. Put an **A** on the country of Brazil.
2. Draw a **circle** around the names of the four countries of Caribbean South America.
3. Put a **B** on each of two of Brazil's neighbors to the south.



B. DIRECTIONS: Fill in the Blanks Refer to your map. In the space provided, write the answer to each question.

1. What is the capital of Brazil? _____
2. What is the smallest country that borders Brazil? _____
3. Which country contains most of the Amazon Basin? _____
4. Which country lies completely outside the tropics? _____