

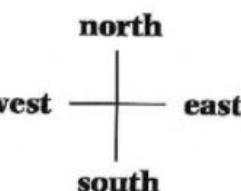
I can talk about my country



Brazil is **enormous**. The Atlantic **coast**¹ is more than 3,000 **kilometres long**, and **in the north, south, and west**, there are **borders**² with ten different countries. The longest **river**³ is the Amazon, and Pico da Neblina is about 3,000 **metres high**: it's the **highest mountain**⁴ in Brazil. The **capital**, Brasilia, is **inland**, but many of the **major** cities are **on the coast**. The most **famous** is Rio de Janeiro, which has Sugar Loaf mountain, Corcovado, and some great **beaches**. It is very **popular** with tourists.

Glossary

- enormous** very big
- 3,000 kilometres long** 3,000 kms from one end to the other
- 3,000 metres high** 3,000 m from top to bottom (A **mountain** is **high** NOT tall.)
- capital** a city where a country has its government
- inland** not near the sea
- major** large and important
- famous** If something is famous, many people know about it. (Rio is famous for Carnival.)
- beach** area of sand next to the sea, e.g. Copacabana
- popular** If something is popular, many people like it.



1 Study the map of Brazil for one minute, then complete the sentences.

- The town in the north is Recife.
- 1 The town in the south is _____.
- 2 The capital is _____.
- 3 The longest river is the _____.
- 4 The highest mountain is _____.
- 5 In the south, it has a border with _____.
- 6 In the north, it has a border with _____.
- 7 A popular city with tourists is _____.
- 8 It's famous for Sugar Loaf _____.
- 9 Brasilia isn't near the sea; it's _____.
- 10 Rio is on the _____.

2 Test yourself. Don't look at Exercise 1. What can you say about these places?

- Recife *It's a town in the north of Brazil.*
- 1 The Amazon
- 2 Pico da Neblina
- 3 Brasilia
- 4 Porto Alegre
- 5 Argentina
- 6 Rio de Janeiro

3 ABOUT YOUR COUNTRY Write your answers or ask another student.

- 1 What's the capital, and where is it? _____
- 2 What are some of the other major cities? _____
- 3 Does it have borders with any other countries? If so, what are they? _____
- 4 Which places are popular in summer? _____
- 5 What are the famous places in your capital city? _____