

USPG Fiesta Quiz – Brazil

Total number of points: 25

1. What is the country's official name? Federative Republic of Brazil
2. What is the capital of Brazil? Brasilia
3. Name the country's two largest cities. Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro
4. When did Portuguese explorers first arrive? 1500
5. When did Brazil gain its independence? 1822 (declared) 1825 (recognised)
6. What is the name of Brazil's current president? Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva (Lula)
7. What is the official language of Brazil? Portuguese
8. What is the name of its currency? Real
9. What are Brazil's three biggest exports? Iron, soya beans and coffee
10. How is 90% of Brazil's electricity generated? Hydropower
11. When is Brazil's largest carnival held? At the beginning of Lent
12. Beginning with an 's' what is the name of Brazil's most well-known dance? Samba
13. Name the singer and actress famous for her fruity headdresses. Carmen Miranda
14. What was introduced to Brazil in the 1890s by Scottish railway engineers? Football
15. Name the legendary footballer who helped Brazil win three world cups. Pelé
16. What is considered to be the closest thing Brazil has to a national dish? Feijoada
17. Name the Brazilian author who wrote the Alchemist. Paulo Coelho
18. What is the name of the explorer who recently embarked on an epic journey down the Amazon River for the BBC? Bruce Parry
19. The Amazon Rainforest is full of life. How many species might you find in just one square kilometre of forest? 1000
20. Name three animals or birds commonly found in the Amazon River and Rainforest. Osprey, macaw, toucan, heron, harpy eagle, caiman, iguana, snake, leaf-cutter ant, spider monkey, sloth, jaguar, wild boar, dolphin, piranha, vampire bat, tapir, giant otter, rhinoceros beetle