

Unit 5 South America

Read below then listen and fill in the Fact Box. Then, before each chapter in this unit, read the cultural tendencies and discuss Japan's cultural tendency in this regard, as well as your own habits.

Most South Americans live along the coasts. The inner regions and southern regions have fewer people. The western regions have the Andes mountains. Most of South America is tropical. There are many different races and tribes on the continent. These tribes lost land and power after Europeans arrived. Today, most South Americans have European blood. In particular, Spain has greatly influenced the cultures of South America. Thus, many South American customs come from Europe.

Fact Box

population: > or < 100,000,000?	main language: _____
population density: > or < 50?	life expectancy: > or < 70?
number of countries: > or < 10?	longest mountain: Alps, Andes, Atlas?

Brazilians tend to...	Japan	you	comment
love to dance.			
touch often, hugging, kissing, etc.			
dress formally rather than casually.			
follow the Catholic religion.			
stand close to others when talking.			
feel marriage is the most important event in life.			
not give black or purple gifts.			
celebrate carnival with parades.			

Cultural tendencies are stereotypes. Of course, each individual is different. Many don't conform to cultural or national stereotypes.

Bolivians tend to...	Japan	you	comment
wear colorful clothes.			
wear ponchos and vests.			
eat potatoes every day.			
highly value family life.			
be close with extended family like cousins and aunts.			
follow traditional customs.			
have native and European ancestry.			