

# Vocabulary check: South America Facts

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| <b>Life expectancy</b> | <b>Climate</b>    |
| <b>Hoatzin</b>         | <b>Emergent</b>   |
| <b>Canopy</b>          | <b>Understory</b> |
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# Life expectancy (noun)

## Definition:

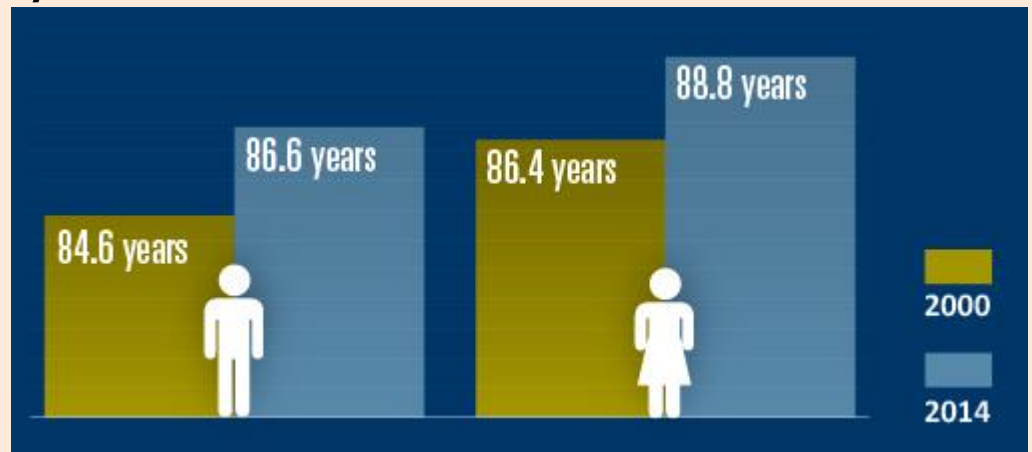
The length of time you can expect something to live for.

## In context:

The life expectancy of women is more than men.

## Synonyms:

Duration,



# Climate (noun)

## Definition:

The weather conditions in an area over a long time.

## In context:

The UK has quite a wet climate.

## Synonyms:

Weather



# Hoatzin (noun)

## Definition:

A large South American bird that cant fly very well but can climb trees.

**In context:** The Hoatzin chicks have claws on their wings.



# Emergent (adjective)

## Definition:

A plant or tree that is taller than the others around it.

**In context:** Emergent trees tower above the canopy.



# Canopy (noun)

## Definition:

Something that hangs above or covers something up.

The top layer of branches of the trees.

## In context:

The children sheltered under the canopy from the sun.

## Synonyms:

Cover, shade



# Understory (noun)

## Definition:

The layer of plants and shrubs that grow beneath the main canopy of a forest.

## In Context:

The bushes in the rainforest grew in the understory layer.



# Tributaries (noun plural)

## Definition:

Tributary – a stream or river that flows into a bigger river or lake.

## In context:

The river Trent has many tributaries

## Synonyms:

Branch, feeder





# Arid (adjective)

## Definition:

A place or climate that has very little or no rain. Meaning that it is very dry.

**In context:** Deserts are very arid and dry places where plants and animals struggle to live.

## Synonyms:

Dry, baked, barren

