

## Remembering the countries and capitals of South America A Rough Transcript

I'm going to teach you a really quick and easy way to learn the location and names of the countries of South America, along with the names of their capital cities. We will use geographical clues to remember which country is which and we'll use substitute words to help us remember names. These substitute words don't have to be exact--just enough to prompt your memory of them. For this reason, you should make yourself familiar with all country names and capitals names beforehand. They are listed below. Remember to keep an open mind when learning these and that the more outrageous something is, the more it sticks in your mind! And with that, let's get started...

We'll begin with the biggest country, big with a capital B. It seems to be cupping the rest of South America like a BRA. It's so big, we could call it BRA-ZILLA. This is how we remember the country of BRAZIL and its capital, BRASILIA.

Moving over here to this country that, with some imagination, looks like the profile of a guy. This guy happens to be a pirate, and his name is AAAARGE! Arge has a new girlfriend named TINA. They are going on a date and decide to walk and enjoy the "GOOD AIR." This, in combination with very rudimentary Spanish skills, is how we remember ARGENTINA and its capital, BUENOS AIRES.

Continuing with our story, the cute couple decides that, since they're walking, and it's right in their backyard, they will dine at CHILI'S. Arge, being a nervous talker, notes that it is CHILLY where SANTA GOES and lives. This is how we remember the country CHILE, and its capital SANTIAGO.

Once seated, Arge wants a bowl of sugar as an appetizer, but wants to seem refined, so he attempts, in french, to order a BOWL OF V filled with SUCRE. As you can see, the country above "Chili's" roughly looks like a V-shaped BOWL, which could hold sugar, sucrose, or SUCRE. He thinks about asking for "LA PEZ" candy as an app, too, but figures this would be too much (LA PAZ is the executive capital where the seat of the government is... and come to think of it, might be the official one). This is how we remember the country of BOLIVIA and its capitals SUCRE and LA PAZ.

Moving to the left, there is this country that is shaped a bit like the letter P. It's time to order dinner. Tina is polite and doesn't want to spend too much of Arge's money, his pirating not proving to be so lucrative these days, so she orders a simple PEAR for dinner. The waiter brings the PEAR and she proceeds to cut it in half. The middle is filled with LIMA beans! Politeness aside, she proclaims "EWWWWWWW, LIMA beans!!" a PEAR.....EWWW, LIMA beans! This is how we remember the country PERU and its capital LIMA.

That's the end of that story...

We'll keep moving around to this small country that has the equator running right through it. That creates a divider from one side of the country to the other...an EQUATOR DOOR, if you will. What do we use to open a door? A key, of course! We need a KEY TO open the EQUATOR DOOR. If the equator doesn't give you a big enough clue as to this country's identity, you can also see that its shape resembles a KEY. The capital of EQUADOR is QUITO.

Above Ecuador is a BUG, a BEE, to be precise. Its stinger can plainly be seen. It does have a strange COLUMN of something trailing from its backside, too. So it has a COLUMN this BEE, which is a BUG. The capital of COLOMBIA is BOGOTA. A quick spelling tip for both countries--BOGO (buy one, get one).

An Italian gentleman is telling you all about sailing to this country full of V shapes--and is in fact a V shape in and of itself. He says "VEN YOU SAIL-A, bring a CAROCK CAUSE you'll need to eat!" The capital of VENEZUELA is CARACAS. \*In the video, the Italian gentleman says, "your feet, VEN THEY SWELL-A, you wear the CROC-AS."

The next country is this guy-shaped country, a guy wearing a skirt, actually. This GUY is named ANA. He used to be called GEORGE TOO, not that there's anything wrong with that. The capital of GUYANA is GEORGETOWN. We say GEORGE, TOO so we remember the TOWN part of the capital name.

We are going to skip over the next country to another guy. This is a FRENCH GUY (not technically considered a South American country since belongs to France, but...). This FRENCH GUY has salt and PEPPER hair, and in guys only, apparently, this makes him hot and spicy, like CAYENNE pepper. The capital of FRENCH GUYANA is CAYENNE.

Now back to the country in between the two guys. It looks like a small child (albeit a pudgy one) holding hands with the two people on either side of her. Well, SURI is her NAME. Suri's in the middle of a custody battle between her famous parents. She has a PAIR OF MIRRORRY BOWs in her hair. The capital of SURINAME is PARAMARIBO.

The only two countries left is a bunch of guys. We'll start from the lower one and go UP. This country is UNDER almost all the other South American countries. This will remind you that this is the "guy" that starts with U. This is URUGUAY. Statement of fact: YOU'RE A GUY. You'd love a MOUNTAIN of VIDEO games. That's the clean version of remembering that the capital of URUGUAY is MONTEVIDEO.

Finally, the P country in our UP scenario, the second "guy"...well it's actually a PAIR of GUYS. They are enjoying a romantic walk into A SUNset by the SEA. The capital of PARAGUAY is ASUNCION.

Country=Substitute Word

**BRAZIL= BRA**  
**CHILE=CHILI'S**  
**BOLIVIA=BOWL OF...**  
**PERU=PEAR, EWWW...**  
**ECUADOR=EQUATOR DOOR**  
**COLOMBIA=CALL HIM A BEE**  
**VENEZUELA=VEN YOU SWELL**  
**GUYANA=GUY ANA**  
**FRENCH GUYANA=FRENCH GUY**  
**PARAGUAY=PAIR OF GUYS**  
**URUGUAY=UR A GUY**

Capital=Substitute Word

**BRASILIA=BRAZILLA**  
**SANTIAGO=SANTA GOES**  
**SUCRE=SUGAR LA PAZ=PEZ candy**  
**LIMA =LIMA BEANS**  
**QUITO=KEY TO**  
**BOGOTA=BUG spell: BOGO**  
**CARACAS=CROCS**  
**GEORGETOWN=GEORGE TOO**  
**CAYENNE=CAYENNE pepper**  
**ASUNCION=A SUNSET ON the beach**  
**MONTEVIDEO=MOUNTAIN VIDEOS**