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Physical Features

The Continent of South America can be divided into four physical Features:

- ① Western Coastal Strip
- ② Western Mountains
- ③ Central Plains
- ④ Eastern Highlands.

① Western Coastal Strip:

The western coastal strip lies between the Andes Mountain and Pacific Ocean, from north to south.

- It is widest in the northern parts.
- Atacama Desert also lies here, driest desert in the world.

(2) Western Mountains:

→ Known as the Andes.

- A continuation of North American western cordilleras.
- They are young fold mountains, with length of about 7,242 km that pass through seven countries.
- Andes are the second highest mountains in the world.
- Highest Peak - Mt. Aconcagua (6962m)
- Andes create a natural barrier between the coastal desert on one side and the forests on the other.
- It has active volcanoes - Chimborazo, Cotopaxi

(3) Central Plains:-

→ Found between the Eastern Highlands and the Andes mountains.

- Plains consist of three Rivers - Orinoco, Amazon, La Plata River.
- Basin covered with grassland called Llanos (mean plain)
- Amazon River is the largest and the second longest river in the world. It is home of rain forests called Selva.
- The Central Area consists of miles of flat grasslands of Argentina called the Pampas.
- Patagonia Plateau: Arid Region.