Brazil

**Land and Economy**
Brazil is the fifth-largest country in the world. It covers half of South America. Rain forests make up over half of Brazil’s land, but a desert covers much of the northeast. Geography affects where and how people live. Most Brazilians live in the south or southeast, regions that have excellent farmlands and protected bays.

**Climate and Resources**
Brazil has a tropical climate that is hot and rainy. The rain falls on forests that are a source of timber, rubber, and nuts. It falls on farms where crops grow. The rain also falls into Brazil’s thousands of rivers. Flowing water in some rivers is used to make hydroelectric power.

**Brazil’s Economy**
The most common jobs in Brazil are service jobs. Many Brazilians also work in manufacturing, making everything from high-tech computers to food products. Others grow crops and raise livestock. Brazilians are free to work in whatever business they choose. The Brazilian government gives extra help to some industries because it believes they can help the economy grow.

**Urban and Rural Brazil**
Life in urban and rural areas in Brazil is very different. Many people in cities live in tall apartment buildings. They work in stores, restaurants, and offices. In rural areas, families live in stone or adobe houses. Most people work on farms or ranches.

Find and underline a form of each vocabulary word or term.

- **bay** noun, part of an ocean or of a lake that extends into the land
- **hydroelectric power** noun, electricity created by moving water
- **high-tech** adjective, “high-technology”; using advanced scientific knowledge to get work done

What kind of climate does Brazil have? Highlight the sentence that tells the answer.

Why does the government help some businesses in Brazil? Circle the sentence that tells the answer.