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INTRODUCTION

THE WORLD is home to many different peoples. From the native Indians of the Amazon rainforest to Japanese businessmen commuting by train, people make a living in a great variety of ways. Take a journey across the world, meet the inhabitants of every continent and find out more about the lands they live in.



SOUTH AMERICA

SOUTH AMERICA is linked to North America by a thin strip of land. It stretches south from the warm Caribbean Sea to within just 500 kilometres of Antarctica. Much of the northern part of the continent is covered by the Amazon Rainforest. Vast areas of trees are being cut down for timber or for farmland.

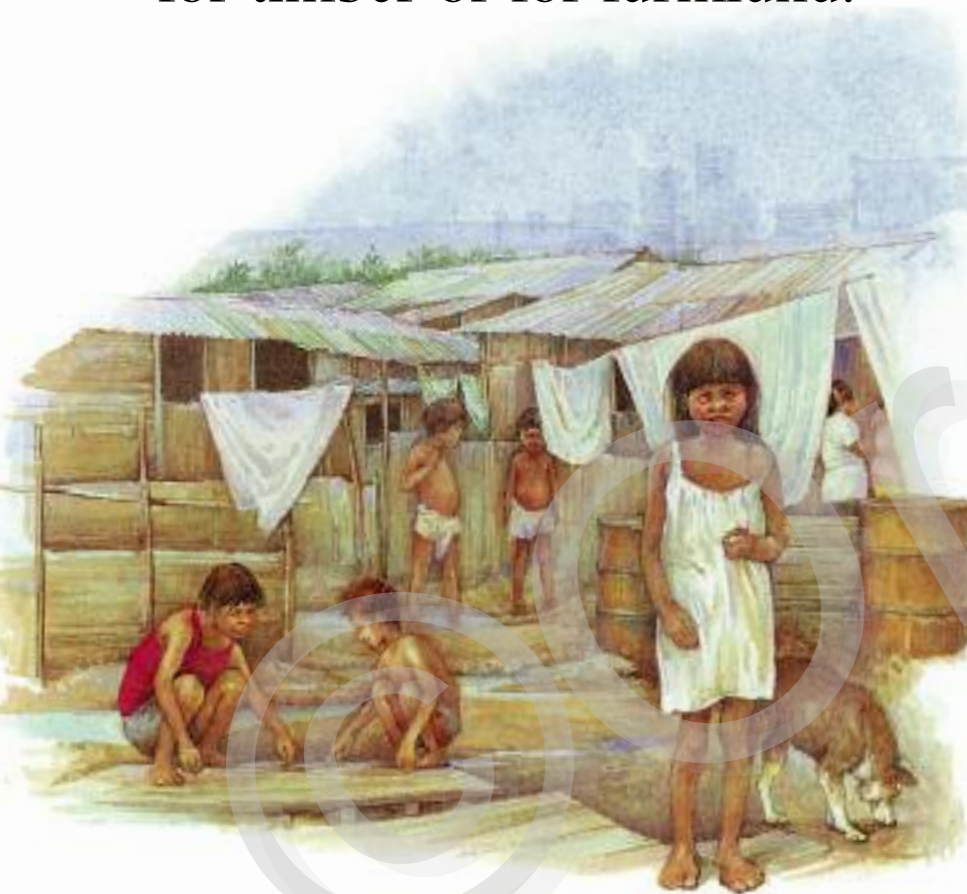


The condor's wings measure 3 m across. It soars over the Andes Mountains searching for carrion, dead animals.

SHANTYTOWNS

Many people in South America have moved to the cities looking for work. For many of them, it is hard to find somewhere to live.

Instead, they build their own houses out of pieces of wood and metal. Vast shantytowns made up of these shabby houses have grown up on the edges of some cities.



An Indian woman from Peru wears her native costume.



RIVER AMAZON

The Amazon river rises in the Andes. It flows through a vast rainforest to the Atlantic Ocean. This great river carries one fifth of all the world's fresh water.

Area: 17,663,000 sq km
Population: 365,000,000
Highest point: Aconcagua (6960 m)
Longest river: Amazon (6451 km)

Colourful street parades are all part of the Mardi Gras ("Fat Tuesday") carnival in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

