

Unit 5a
South America



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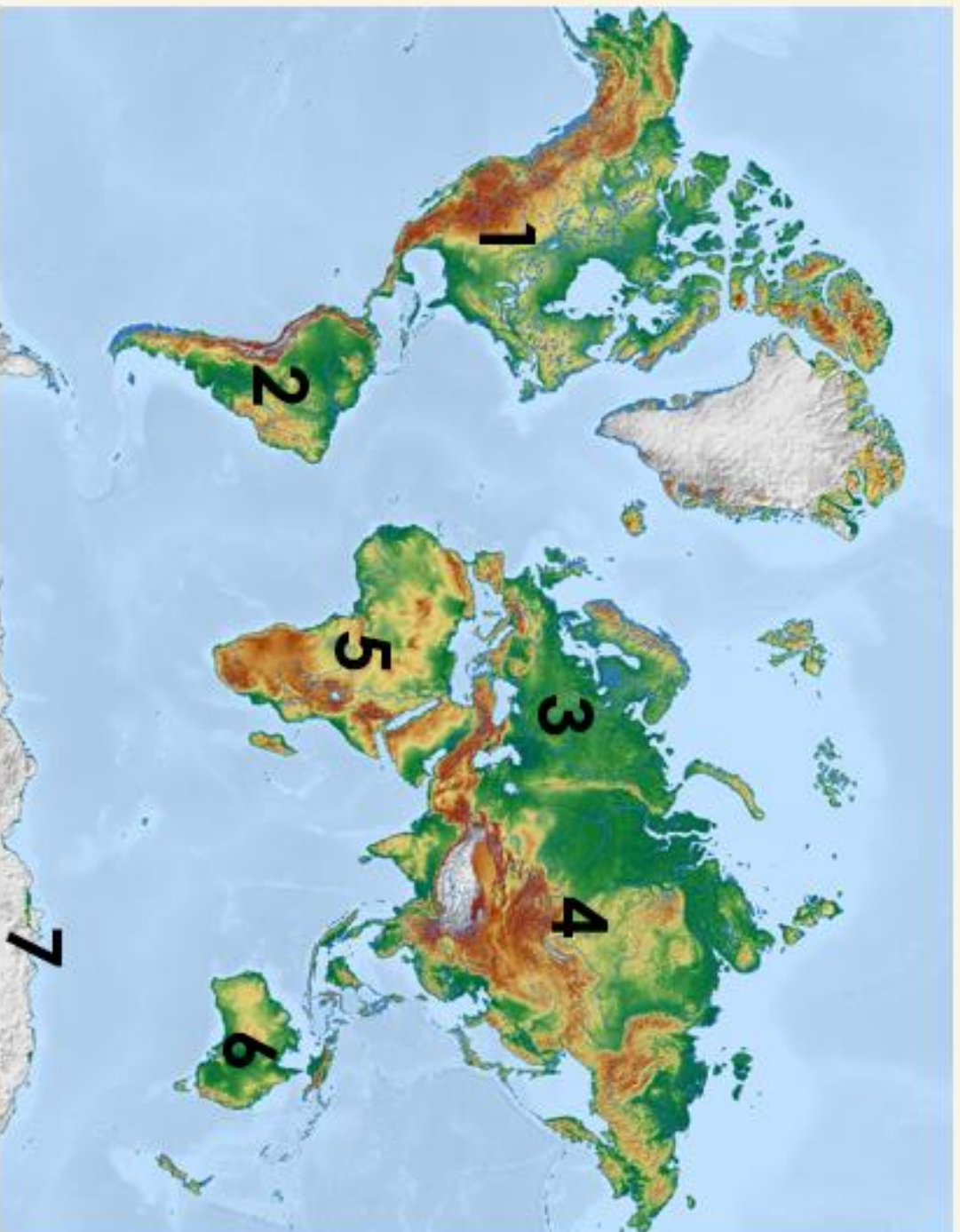
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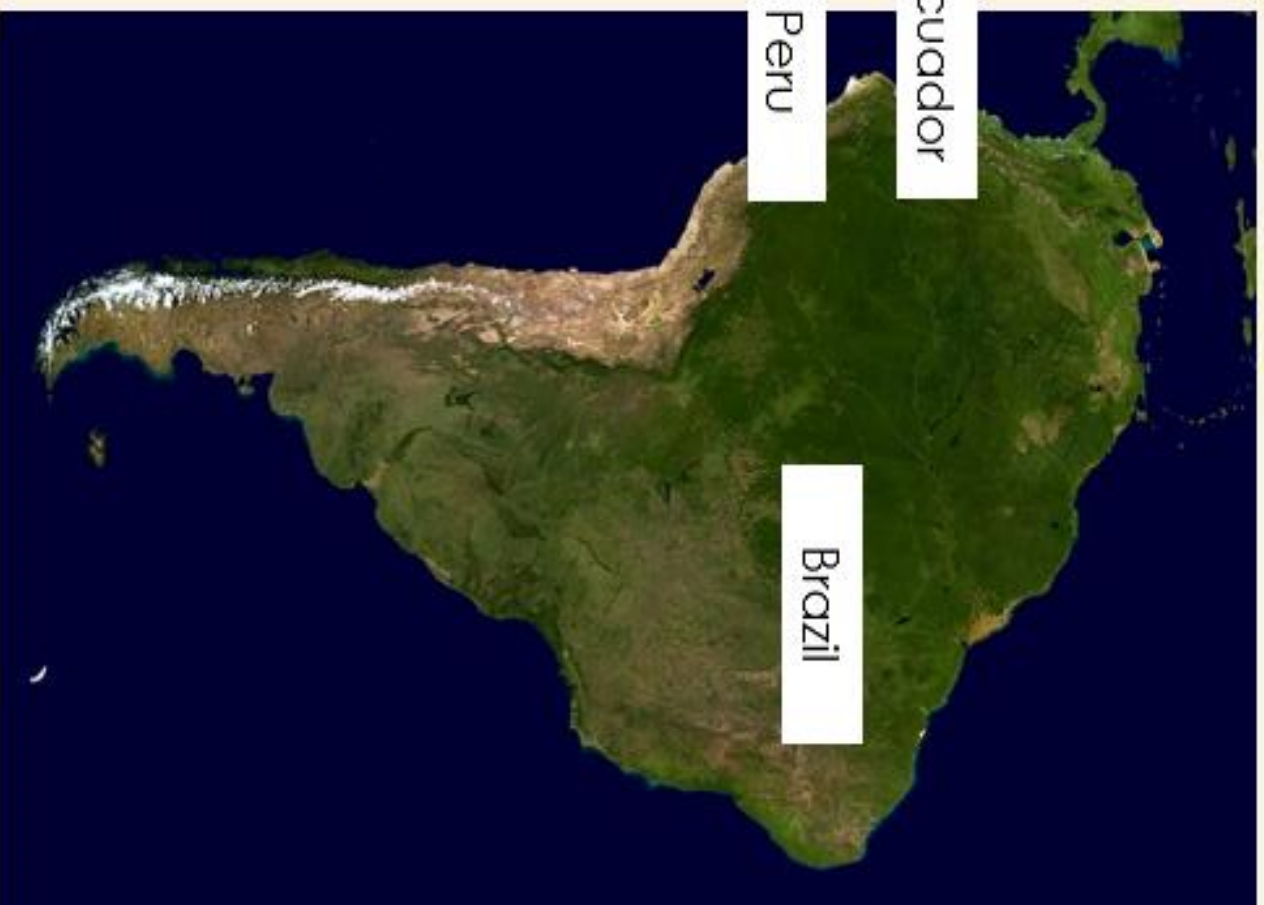
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This is South America. South America is the fourth largest continent. Some people think South America looks like a triangle. Do you?



A continent is a large piece of land. There are seven continents on our planet, Earth. Let's count them on this map.



There are twelve countries in South America. Three of those countries are Ecuador, Brazil, and Peru.



People in South America live in lots of different places. They live in big cities, on farms out in the country, in small towns, and in neighborhoods.



Sao Paulo is the largest **city** in South America. It is in the country of Brazil. Many people in Sao Paulo speak Portuguese.



Every year, the people of Brazil celebrate Carnival. This is a huge festival that lasts for a whole week. Millions of people come to the party. Many people visit from other countries.



The Amazon River is the second longest river in the world. It passes through four countries - Brazil, Columbia, Peru, and Venezuela. There are no bridges across the river. People must cross in boats.



altiplano



mountains



rainforest



grasslands



desert



ocean

There are many different habitats in South America. Unique animals and plants grow and live in each habitat. Let's name the habitats.



There are high, flat places called altiplano.
What animals live in the altiplano?



Llamas and alpacas live in the altiplano.



There are tall mountains with high peaks.
What animals live in the mountains?



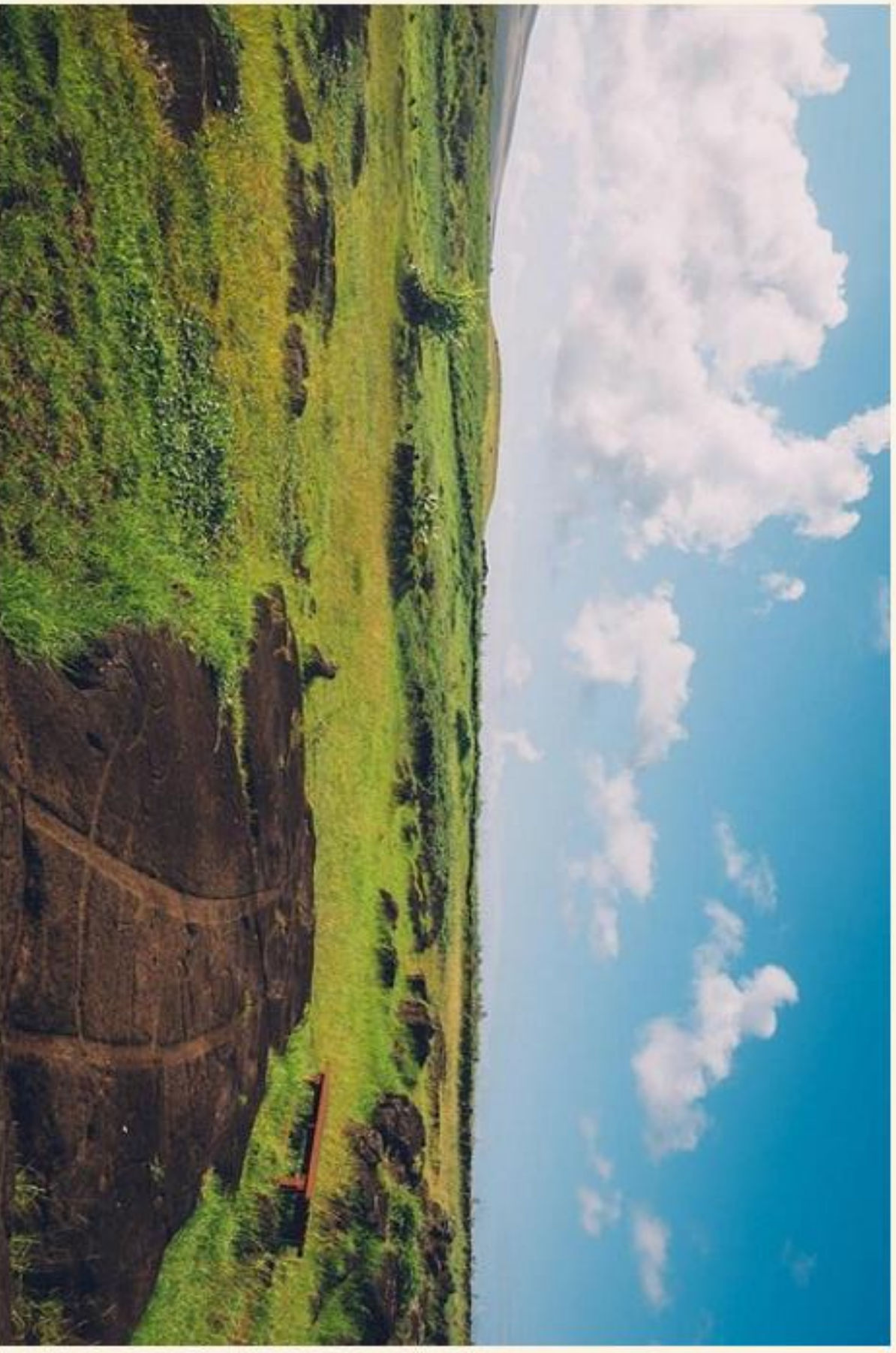
Chinchillas and spectacled bears live in the mountains.



There are hot, moist rainforests teeming with life.
What animals live in the rainforest?



Sloths and macaws live in the rainforest.



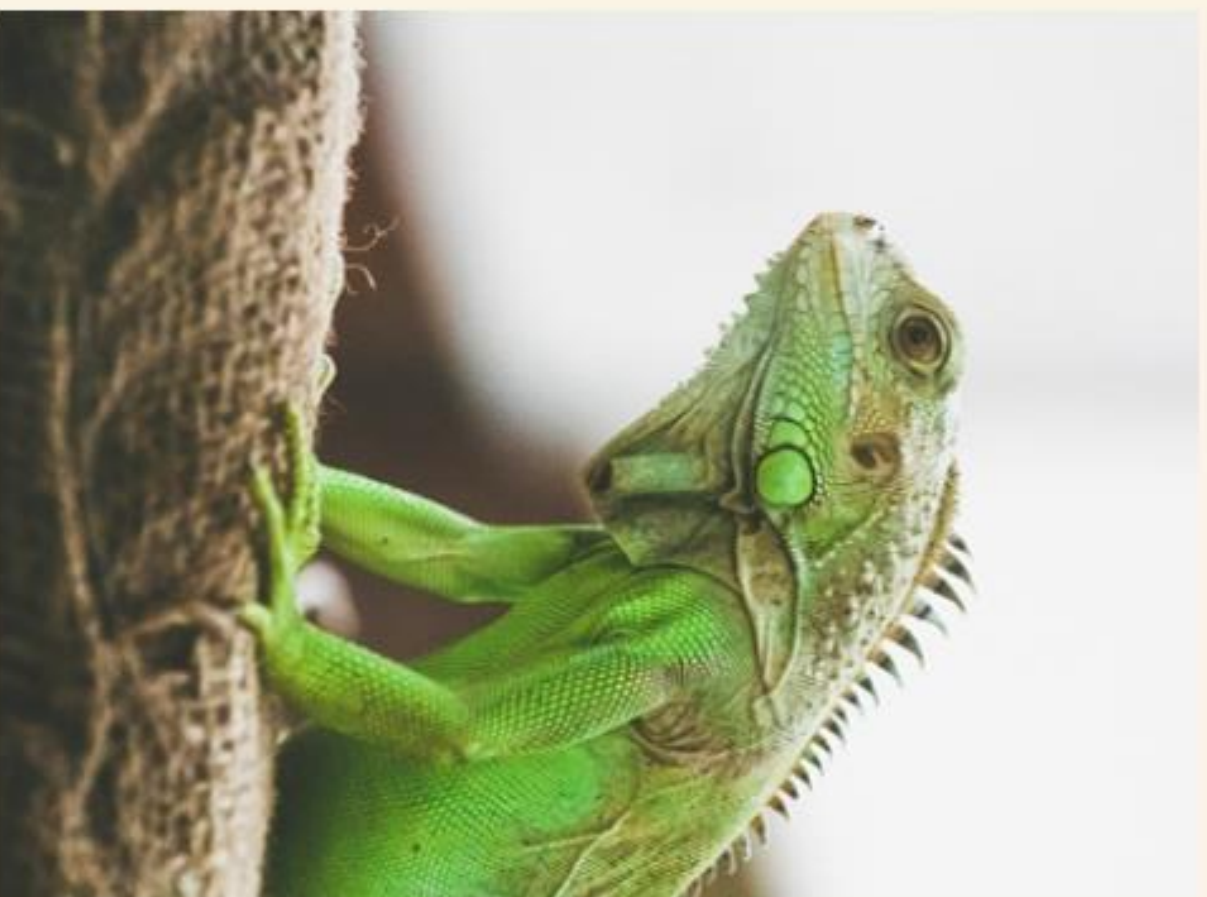
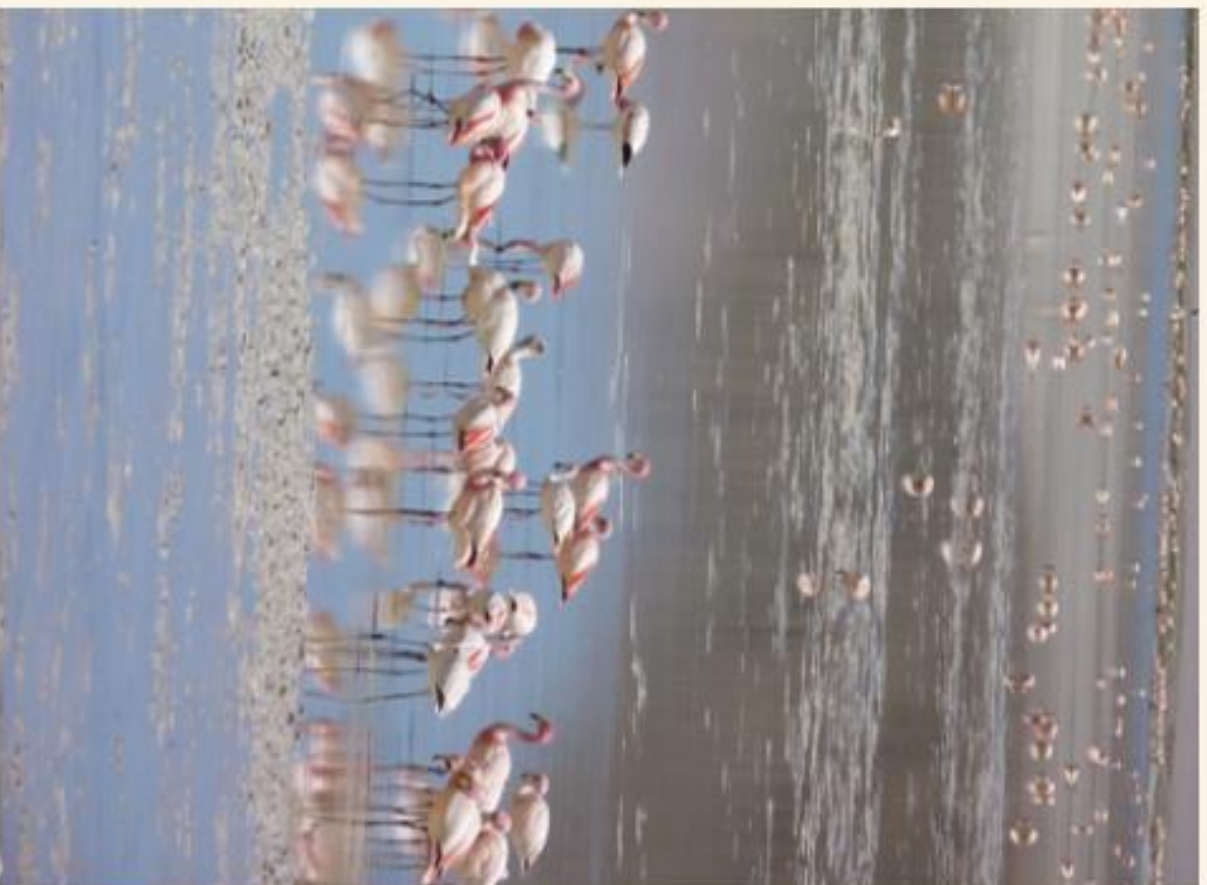
There are flat, green grasslands with bushy shrubs.
What animals live in the grasslands?



Maned wolves and armadillos live in the grasslands.



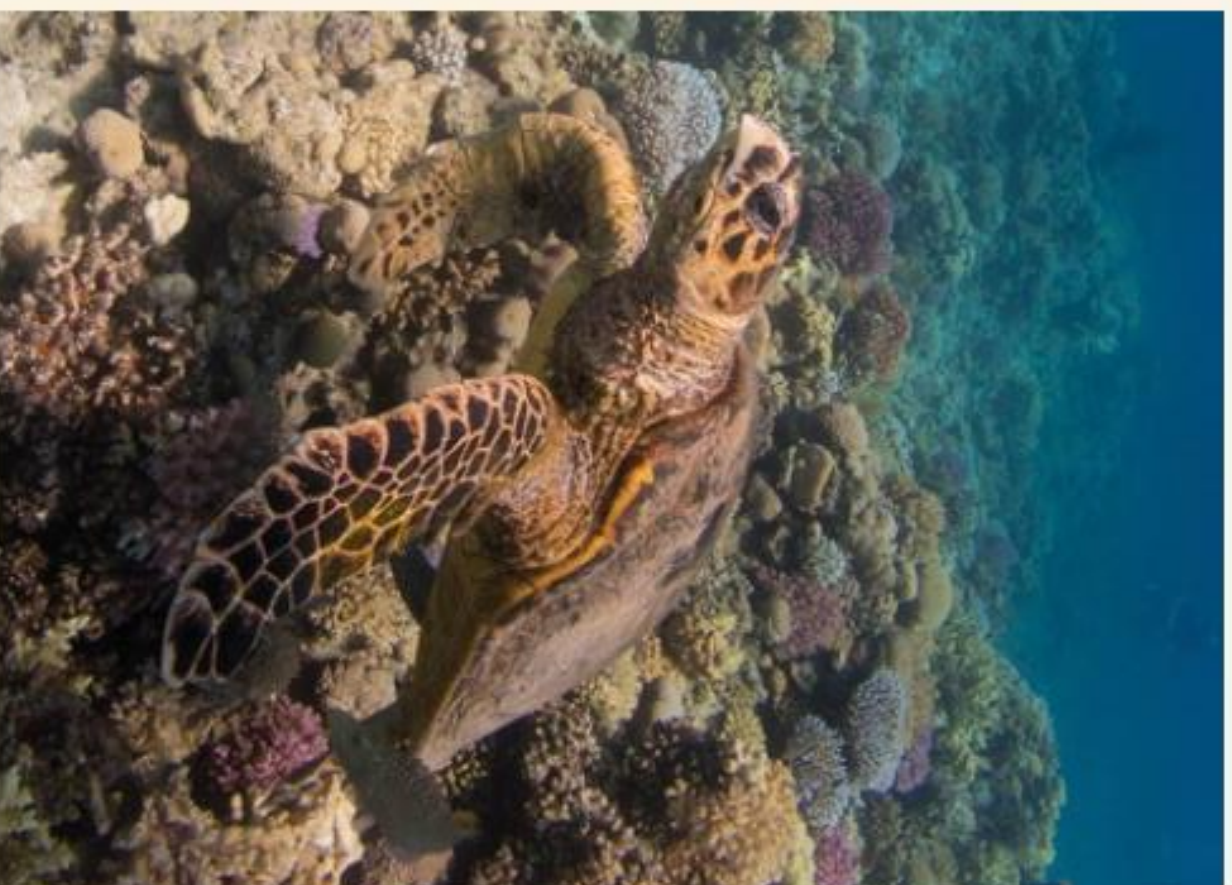
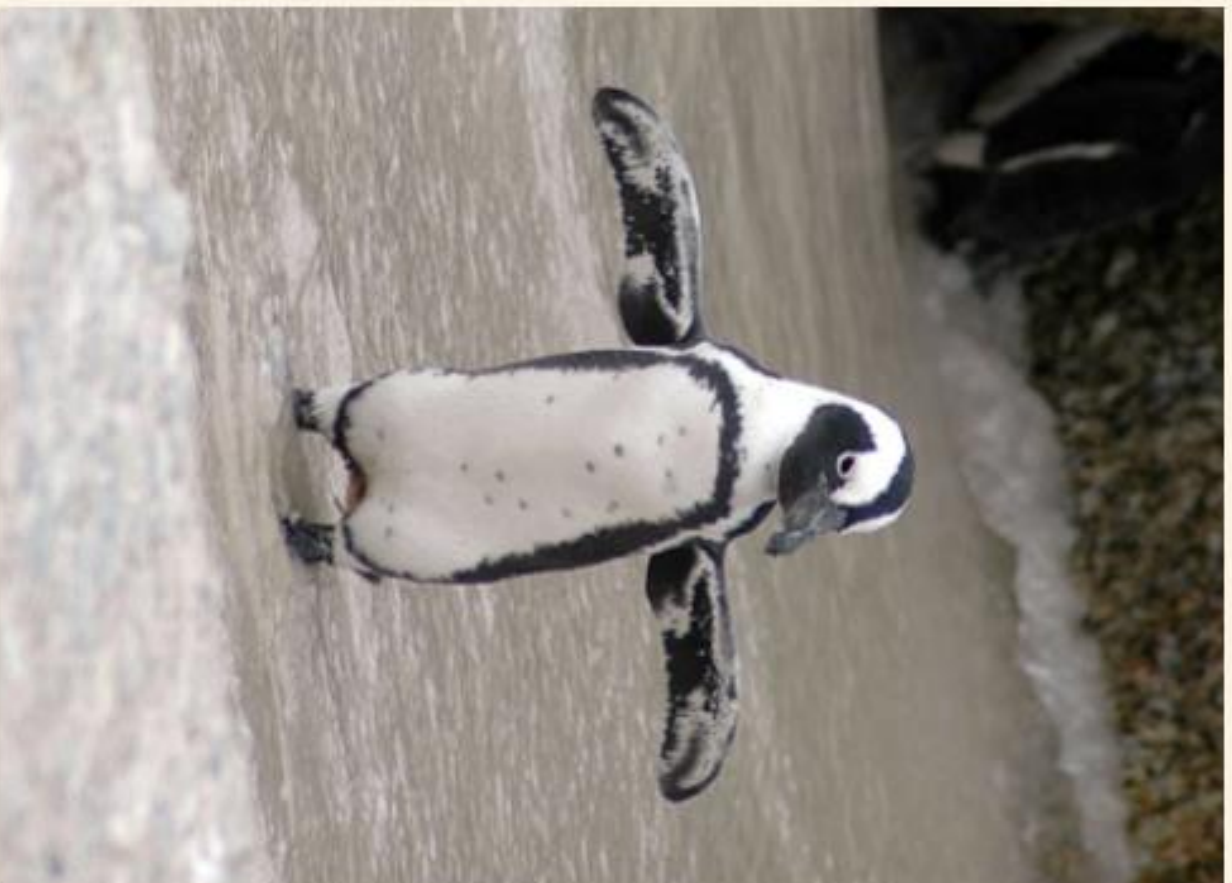
There are dry deserts that get very little rain.
What animals live in the desert?



Andean flamingos and green iguanas live in the desert.



There are vast oceans full of deep water.
What animals live in the ocean?



Magellanic penguins and Hawksbill sea turtles live in the ocean.

Interesting Facts



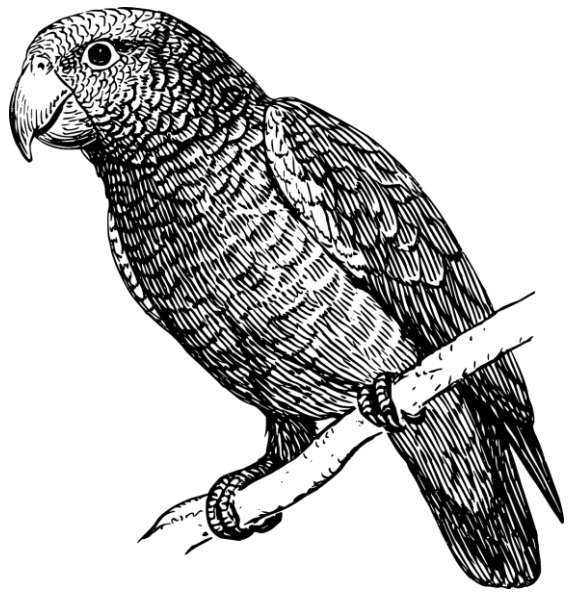
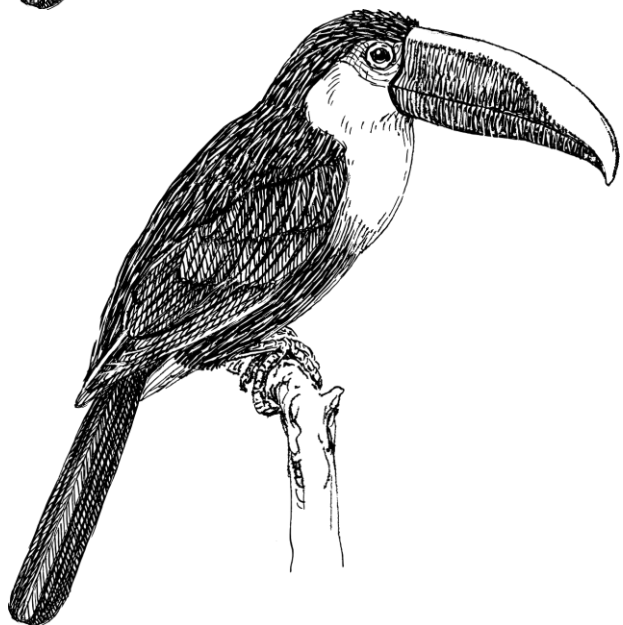
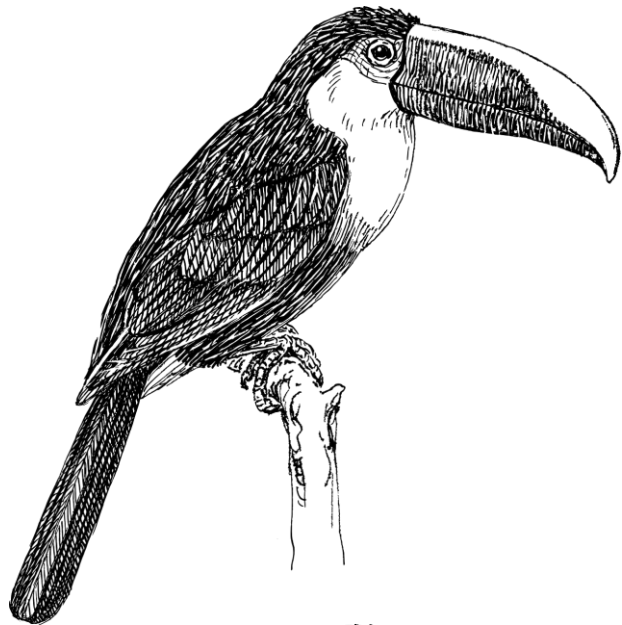
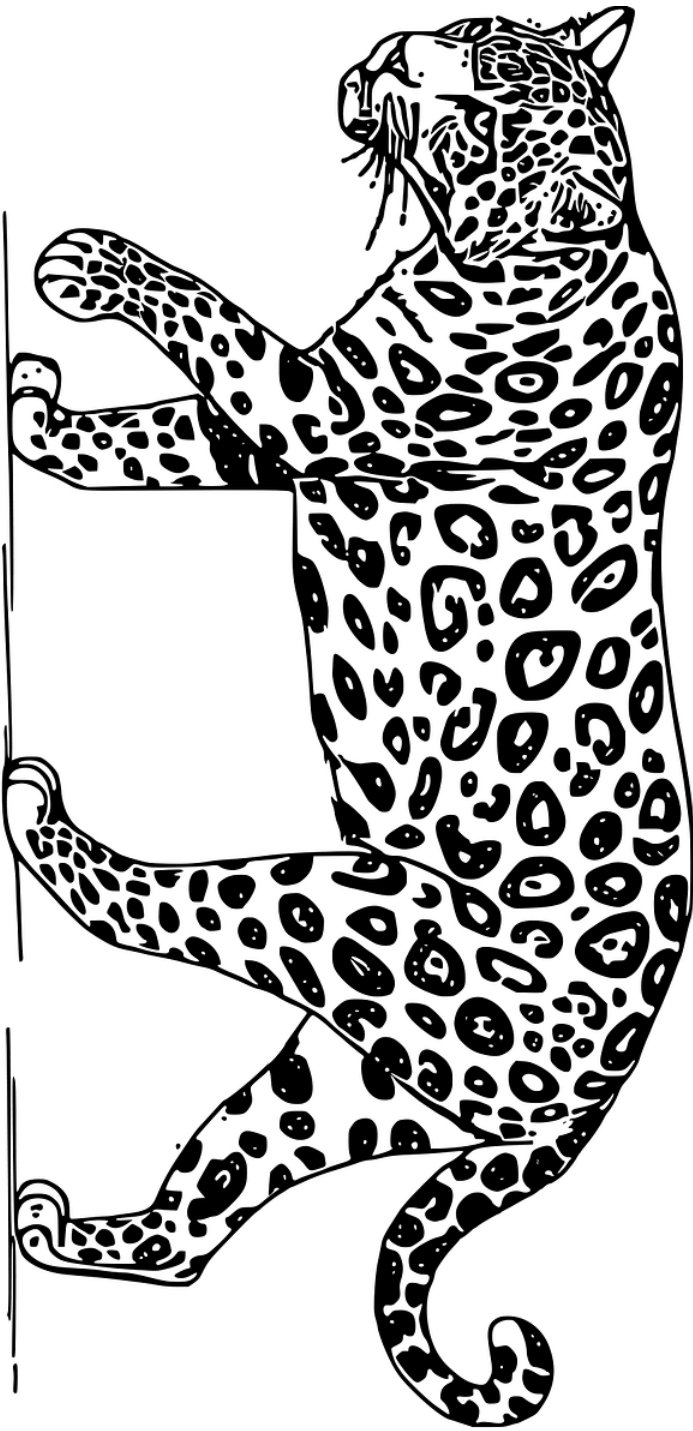
The largest country in South America is Brazil. It is so big that it touches eight other countries.

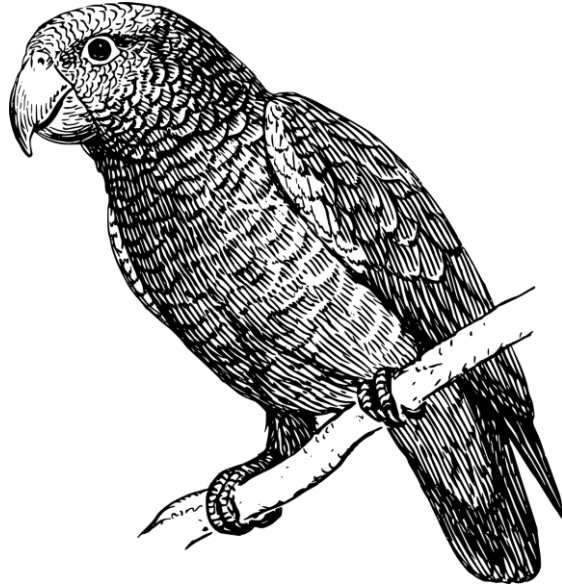
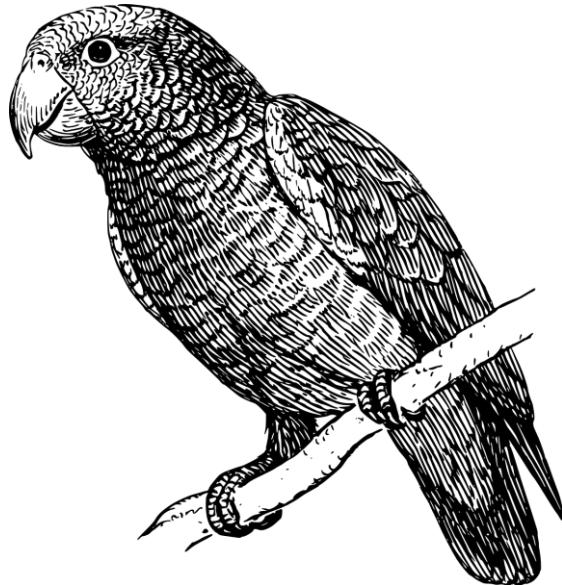
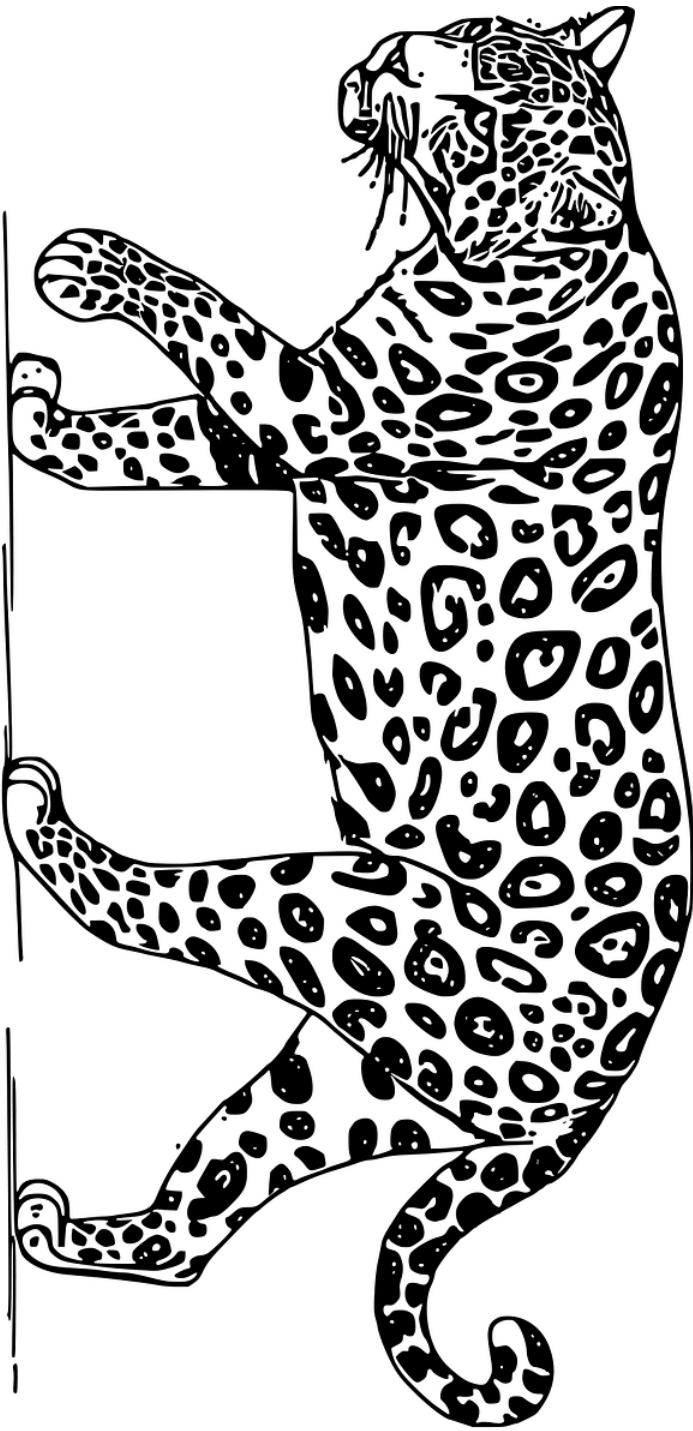


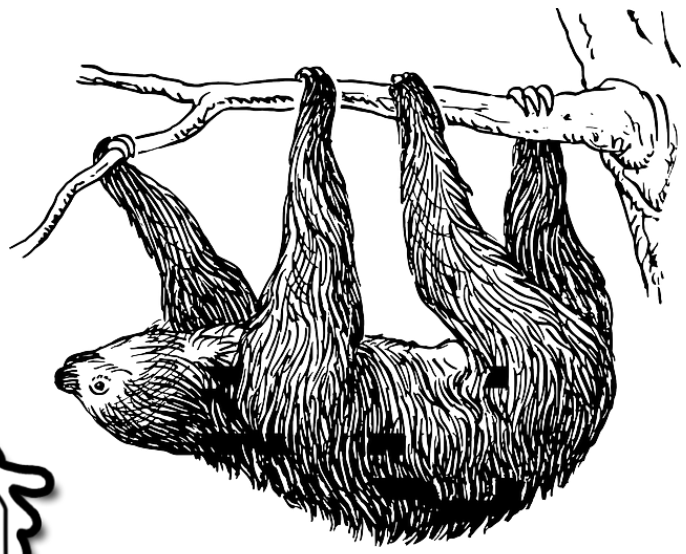
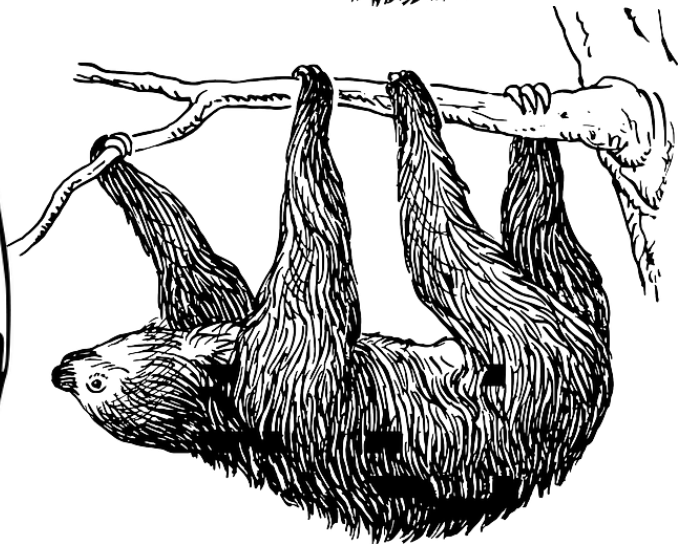
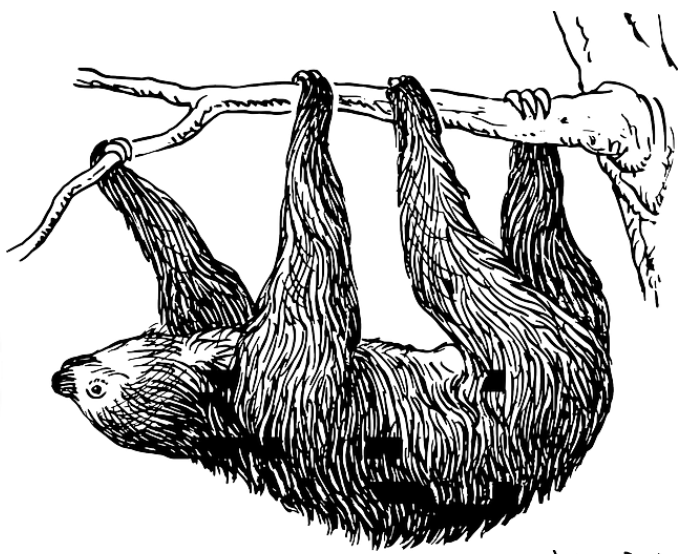
There are twelve countries in South America but hundreds of different languages are spoken here.

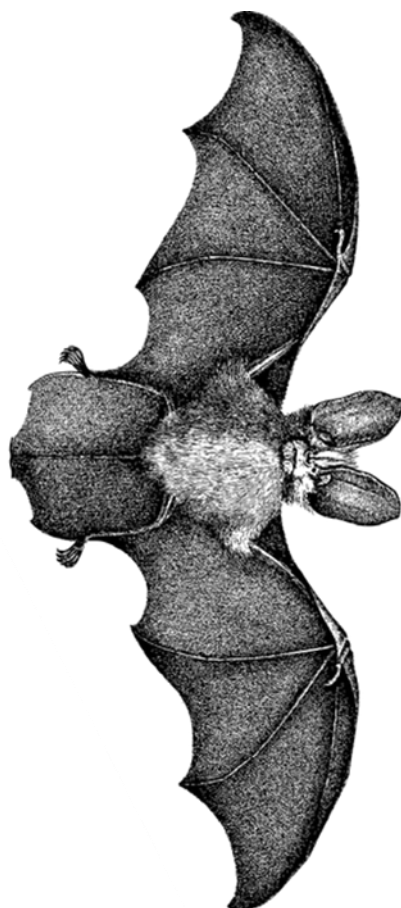
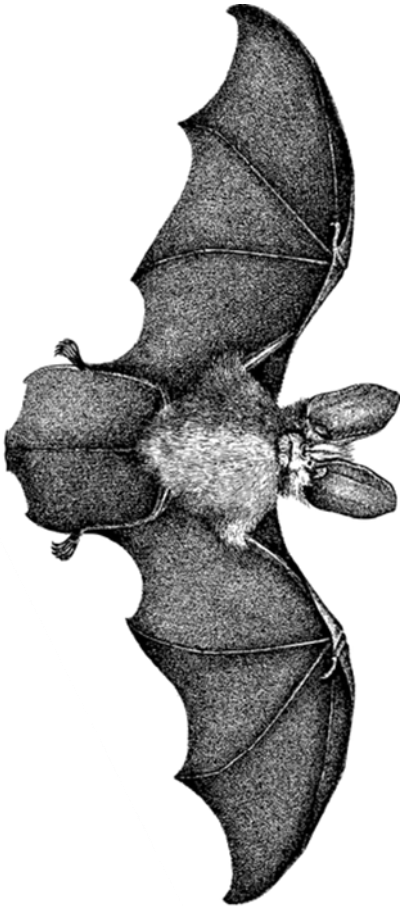
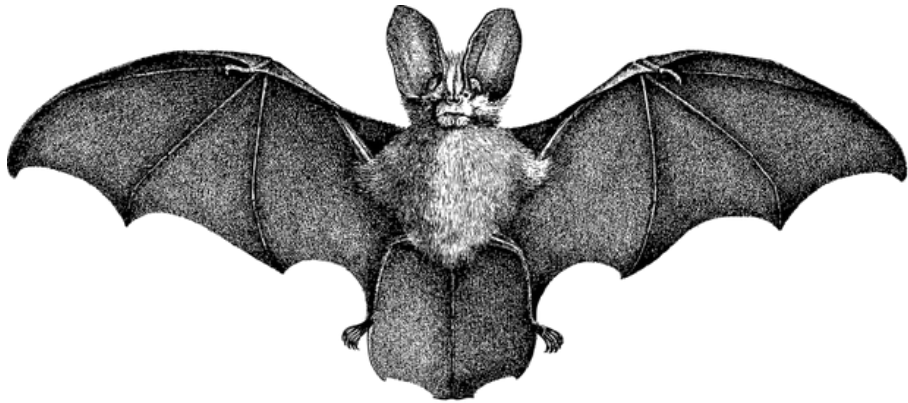


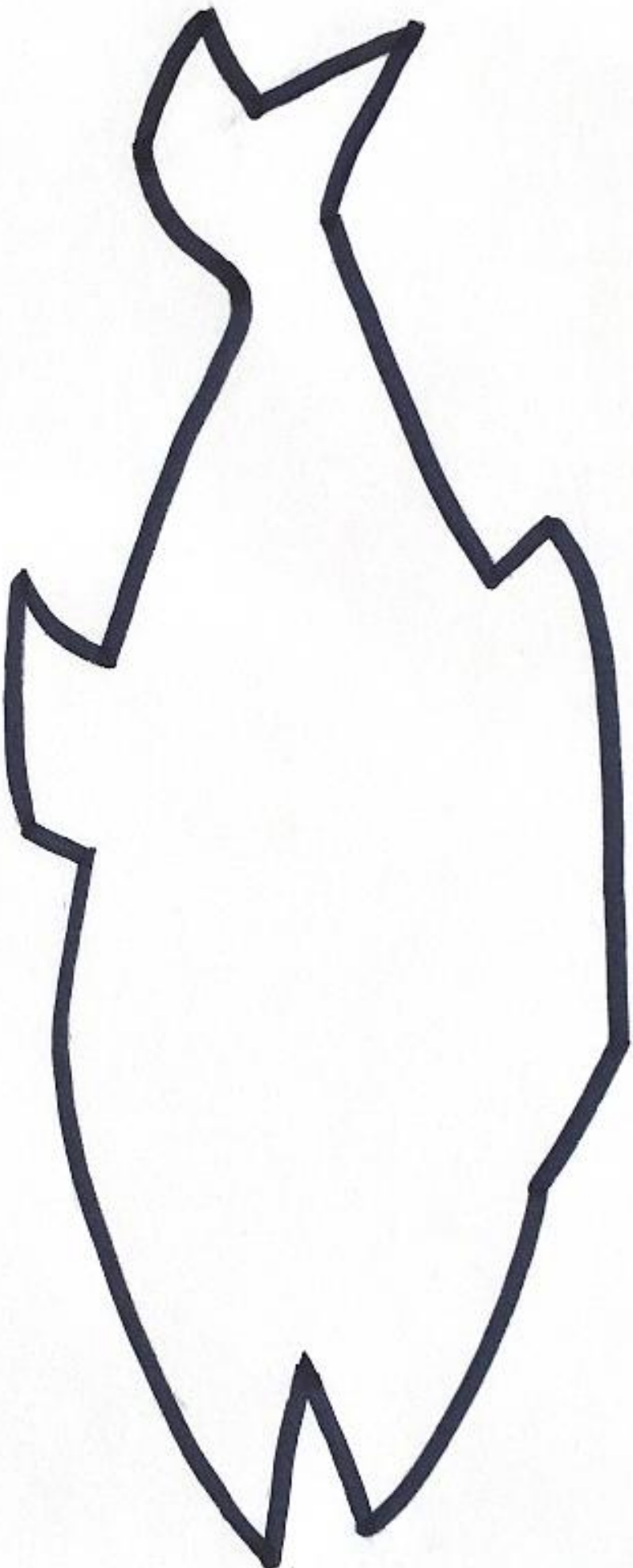
Pink dolphins live in the rivers of South America.











Swimmy by Leo Lionni

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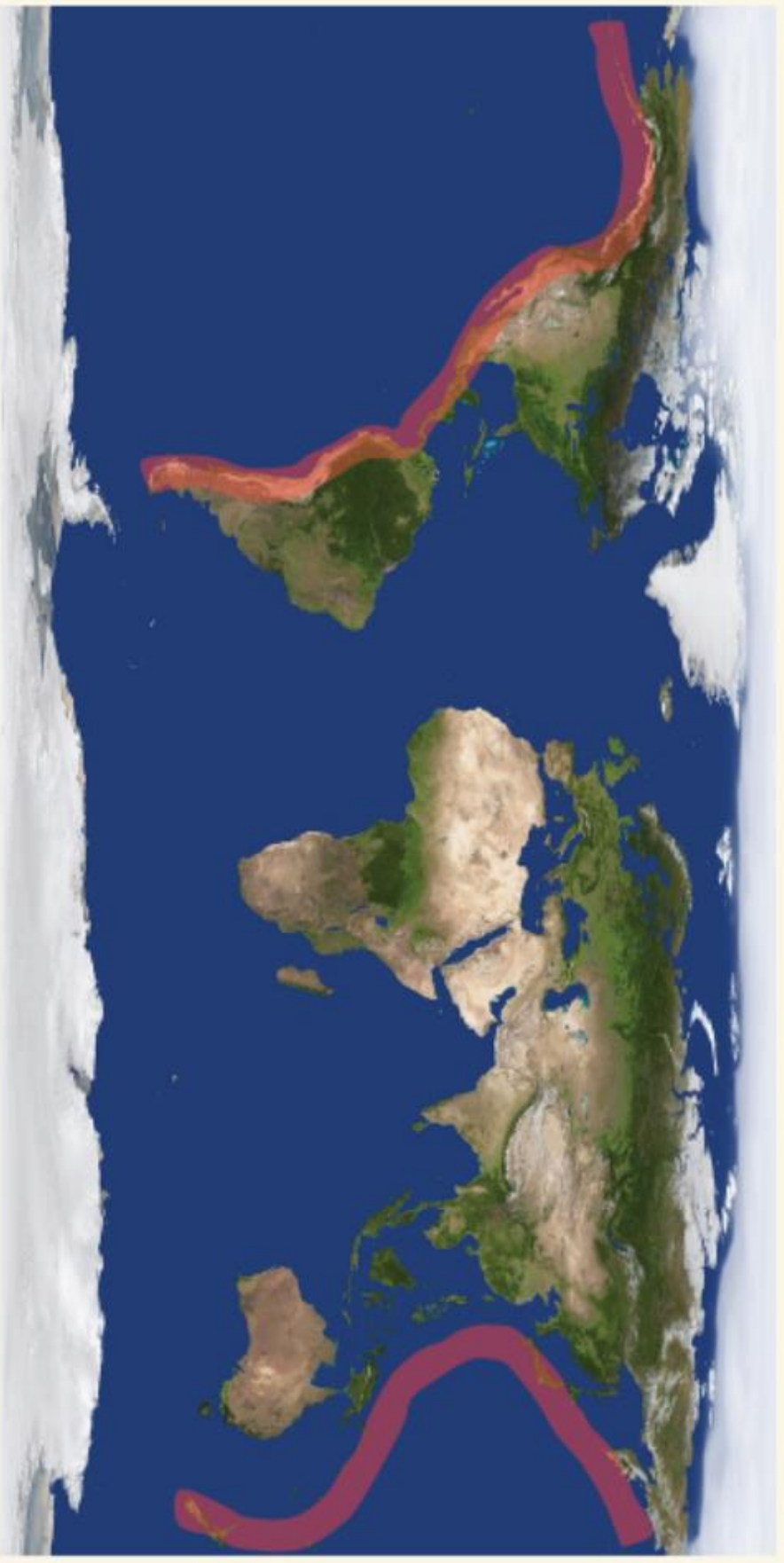


Volcanoes

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Most of the time volcanoes are calm and peaceful. Sometimes they are explosive and dangerous. Why is that? What is a volcano and what makes it so destructive?



There are volcanoes all around the world. Most volcanoes are near the **coastline** of continents. When you look at the location of volcanoes on a round globe, you will see the shape of a circle. Some people call this the Ring of Fire.



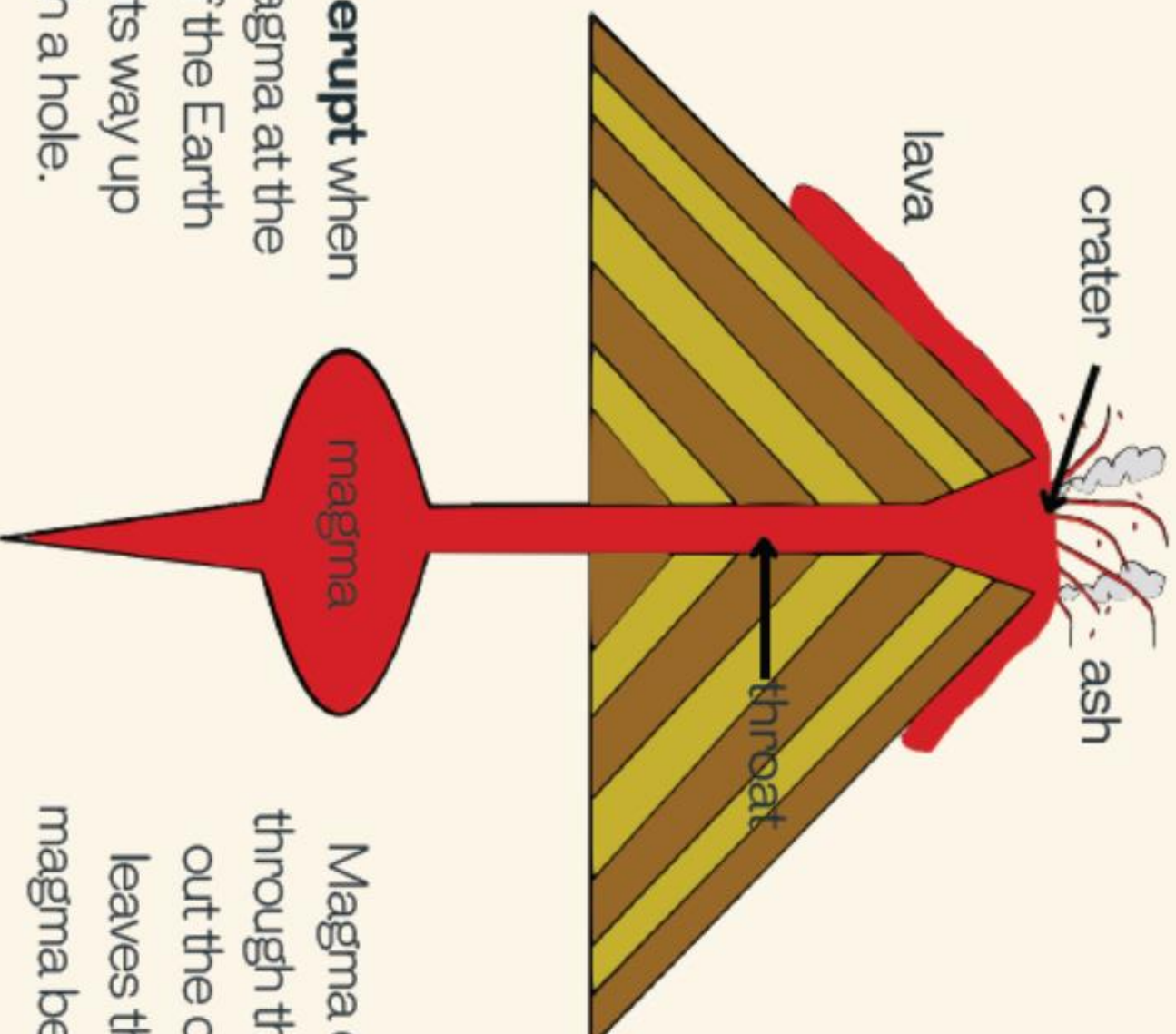


There are more than 200 volcanoes in South America. Most of the volcanoes are part of the Andes mountains, or the altiplano region.



Volcanoes are openings in the earth where magma can escape. Volcanoes can look like holes, hills, or even tall mountains.

Eruption!



Volcanoes **erupt** when the hot magma at the center of the Earth pushes its way up through a hole.

Magma escapes up through the throat and out the crater. As it leaves the volcano, magma becomes **lava**.

Lava



lava and rock

Lava is extremely hot! It glows red as it flows from the volcano. Eventually lava cools and becomes rock. Over time, the rock breaks down and makes the **soil** rich with nutrients. That is why many people grow food and crops near volcanoes.



rich soil

There are different stages of volcanoes.



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1 Active- a volcano that has erupted recently and could erupt again

2 Dormant- a volcano that hasn't erupted in awhile but might erupt again

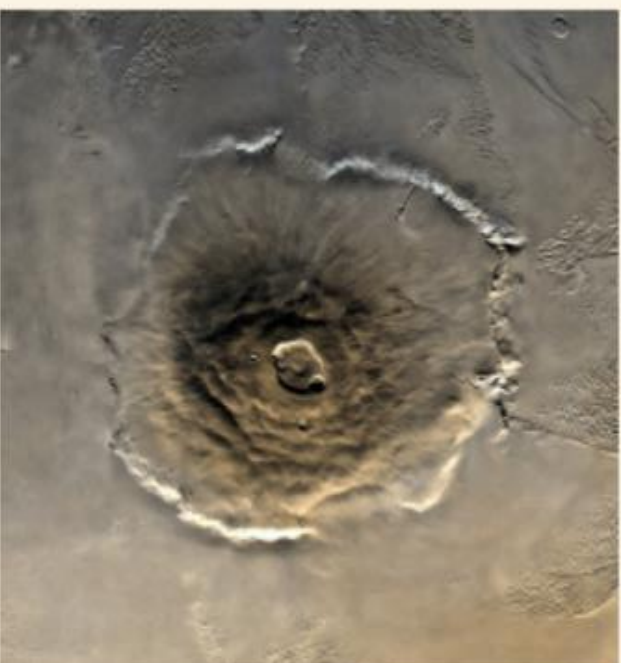
3 Extinct- a volcano that hasn't erupted in a long time and isn't expected to erupt again



Mount Fuji- People
ski on this volcano in
Japan



Mount Unzen- The
oldest active volcano
on Earth at 2.5 million
years old



Olympus Mons- The largest
volcano in our solar system,
found on Mars



Ojos del Salado- The
tallest volcano in
the world towers
over Chile and
Argentina at 22,000
feet.

Noteworthy Volcanoes