

1. Where is Latin America?
2. Why is it called “Latin” America if hardly anyone in it speaks Latin?
3. Which Latin American countries are affected by hurricanes?
4. Which Latin American countries are affected by earthquakes or volcanoes?
5. Name two areas in Latin America where human activity is harming the environment.
6. Other than language, what other cultural similarities do many Latin Americans share?
7. What is the most popular language in Latin America?
8. What is the largest Portuguese-speaking country?
9. Which South American country speaks Dutch?
10. Name two Latin American countries that speak French.
11. Which Latin American countries have a higher GDP per capita than Mexico?
12. Which country has the highest standard of living in Central America?
13. Where were the Mayan and Aztec civilizations located?
14. Where was the Incan civilization located?
15. Which two Central American countries fought a “soccer war” in 1970?
16. Which Colombian capital city has the highest murder rate in the world?
17. Which illegal drug causes the most problems in Colombia?

18. Where would you find the ancient Mayan city of Tikal?
19. Which Central American country speaks English more than Spanish because it was a former British colony?
20. Managua has been the site of many military takeovers in which Central American country?
21. Which Central American country includes a canal that connects the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans? Who built this Canal?
22. Which South American country has significant oil resources and consequently is a member of OPEC?
23. Caracas and Maracaibo have produced many Major League Baseball players from which country?
24. Which South American country speaks English because it was formerly a British colony?
25. Where could you find the ancient Incan city of Machu Picchu?
26. Why was the Brazilian capital moved from Rio de Janeiro to Brasilia?
27. In which relatively wealthy South American country would you find grasslands called pampas?
28. Although it has thousands of miles of coastline, which South American country is rarely more than 100 miles wide?
29. What is the only communist dictatorship in Latin America?
30. Which two countries are located on the island of Hispaniola?
31. What is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere?