

# Our Beautiful Natural World

## Lesson 1 » Colombia: A Country of Wonders

1. Look at the pictures and complete the words.



1 RIVERS



2 N R



3 K



4 M G



5 C



6 G

2. Complete the text with the words from the box.

amphibians biodiversity bird condor  
hummingbirds orchid palm tree

### Biodiversity in Colombia

The national symbols of Colombia illustrate the country's unique <sup>1</sup> biodiversity. The national tree of Colombia is the wax <sup>2</sup> palm tree that grows in the Cocora valley in Quindio. It is the tallest in the world. Another symbol is a beautiful <sup>3</sup> flower called *Cattleya trianae* or May flower. The national <sup>4</sup> bird is the Andean <sup>5</sup> condor, which is the largest flying bird in the world. There are many other interesting facts about Colombia's natural resources, for example, Colombia has a wide variety of <sup>6</sup> amphibians such as the golden poison frog, the world's most poisonous animal, which lives in the Pacific rainforest of Colombia. Colombia has also confirmed the presence of the blue-bearded helmet crest, a very rare <sup>7</sup> hummingbird. Scientists thought these little birds were extinct, but they are living in the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta!

3. Answer the questions about the text. Write full sentences.

1. What is Colombia's national tree?

It's a wax palm tree.

2. What type of flower is the May flower?

This flower will live for

3. What is the largest flying bird in the world?

The Andean Condor

4. What is the main characteristic of the golden poison frog?

that are poisonous

5. Why do think the blue-bearded helmet crest has that name?

because it looks like a helmet

# Lesson 2 » Our Diverse Natural World

1. Match the animals 1-5 with the correct body covering A-E.

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|----------------------|-------------|
| 1. spectacled bear   | A. feathers |
| 2. Andean condor     | B. skin     |
| 3. pink dolphin      | C. fur      |
| 4. sloth             | D. scales   |
| 5. blue anole lizard | E. fur      |

2. Why are these animals endangered? Read the texts and choose a possible reason. Then write in the prediction box.

Animal	Prediction	Possible reasons
1. pink dolphin	Still does not exist the pink dolphin	destruction of habitat introduction of exotic species pollution
2. spectacled bear	He would have 30 years left in habitat and indiscriminate	illegal hunting or fishing climate change
3. blue anole lizard	It has been difficult to recreate estimate the population	overexploitation long gestation and breeding

- A. Fishing has contributed to the endangerment of the pink dolphin because the dolphins compete with the fishing industry for the same fish. Dolphins get tangled in fishing nets and damage them. For this reason, fishermen kill the dolphins and use them as bait. Sometimes they die in the nets. In addition to the killing, dolphin gestation and breeding is long, so dolphin numbers don't increase quickly.
- B. The main reasons why the spectacled bear is endangered are illegal hunting and habitat loss. People hunt these bears for superstitious reasons and use their body parts to make traditional medicine. In addition, farming has contributed to the destruction of their natural habitat.
- C. The blue anole lizard has become endangered because it is now prey to the more exotic Western basilisk lizard, which is a species of lizard brought from other parts of the country. Also, deforestation is causing their habitat to disappear.

3. Answer the questions.

1. Has pollution contributed to the decline of the pink dolphin?  
No, it hasn't.

2. How has the fishing industry led to problems for the pink dolphin?  
The fisherman have overfished and killed

3. What has caused the spectacled bear to become endangered?  
because of governmental regulation has been

4. What risks do the blue anole lizards face nowadays?  
Deforestation that destroys its habitat

and excessive hunting are the main threats to this species

# PRESENT PERFECT EXERCISES

## Exercise 1

Fill the gaps with 'have' or 'has'.

1. I have answered the question.
2. She has opened the window.
3. They have called us.
4. You have carried a box.
5. It has rained a lot.
6. We have washed the car.
7. He has closed the window.
8. Jenny has locked the door.
9. The girls have visited the museum.
10. John and Sophie have helped in the garden.

## Exercise 2

Put in the verbs in brackets into the gaps. Use **Present Perfect**.

Example: I have my father's car. (**to wash**)

Answer: I **have washed** my father's car.

- 1) Karen has sent you me an e-mail everyday. (**to send**)
- 2) Dave and Pat have visited the Louvre Museum. (**to visit**)
- 3) I am at the pet shop. (**to be**)
- 4) They have already eaten dinner. (**to eat**)
- 5) Marcus has had an accident. (**to have**)
- 6) We have to do the shopping for our grandmother. (**to do**)
- 7) I have to just clean my bike. (**to clean**)
- 8) Emily has painted her room twice. (**to paint**)