

CHAPTER 12

Guided Reading Strategies 12.1

South America

READING THE SECTION As you read the section, examine the riddles below. Solve each riddle by writing the correct word or words in the space provided.

- _____ **1.** “I am the largest country in South America. What country am I?”
- _____ **2.** “Bolivia and I are the only two South American countries that are cut off from the sea. What country am I?”
- _____ **3.** “I am South America’s great mountain range. I extend along the continent’s Pacific coast. What mountain range am I?”
- _____ **4.** “For a lake, I am very salty. Few people live along my banks. What lake am I?”
- _____ **5.** “I am the world’s highest waterfall. I tumble 3,212 feet (979 m) from a *tepuí*. You can find me in Venezuela. What waterfall am I?”
- _____ **6.** “I am the name given to South America’s wide grasslands. My eastern edge is Argentina’s most densely populated area. What am I?”
- _____ **7.** “I am the world’s largest river in volume. I am proud to say that no other river drains a larger area. What river am I?”
- _____ **8.** “I am the world’s largest tropical humid climate region. I also have the largest tropical rain forest in the world. What am I?”
- _____ **9.** “I am the driest region of South America. You can find me in northern Chile and southern Peru. What region am I?”

POST-READING QUICK CHECK After you have finished reading the section, in the space provided, identify four animals that are unique to South America.

- 1.** Animal: _____
- 2.** Animal: _____
- 3.** Animal: _____
- 4.** Animal: _____