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| An ecosystem is a community of animals and plants existing and interacting together. |  |
| No bridges cross the Amazon river at any point. |  |
| There are more than 1,500 different bird species in the Amazon rain forest. |  |
| Lichen is a plant-like organism made of algae and fungus. It grows on solid surfaces like rocks. |  |
| A hundred years ago, the only source of rubber in the world was found in Brazil. |  |
| A parasite is an animal or plant that lives on or in another plant or animal, feeding off of it. |  |
| Many of the plants that grow in the rain forest, like philodendrons are plants you can grow at home. |  |
| Vines called "lianas" have chemicals in them that can burn your skin if you touch them. |  |
| In Brazil, the Rio Negro and the Rio Solimoes (rivers) run side by side but don't mix for 50 miles. One is black and the other is yellow. |  |
| Predators such as caimans and piranhas view lots of splashing in the river as signs of an injured animal. |  |
| When you're in the jungle you lose up to 25 percent of your body fluid every day. |  |

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| The top five predators in the Amazon rain forest besides insects are: jaguar, giant otter, black caiman, harpy eagle and anaconda. |  |
| Rivers in the Amazon can flood up to 60 feet during the rainy season. |  |
| An average of 80 acres is deforested every day - that's about 14 football fields. |  |
| The most ear splitting noise in the rain forest at night comes from the thousands of frogs. |  |
| The Andes Mountain is one of the longest and highest mountain ranges. It runs 4,500 miles along the west coast of South America. |  |
| There are so many different insects in the Amazon that scientists can't even begin counting them. They estimate there may be 30 million kinds. |  |
| Native hunters who use blowguns are very accurate. They can hit a hummingbird from 150 ft. away. |  |
| Scientists have traveled to the Amazon to learn from the <i>shaman</i> . (tribal medicine men) |  |
| The Amazon may have as many as 80,000 species of plants. Many of them haven't been named. |  |
| The Amazon rain forest grows most during the dry season. |  |
| Azteca ants live inside the hollow trunks of the ant trees. When something touches the tree, the ants swarm to attack and protect the tree. |  |