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## Giant Anteater Fact Challenge

Name other animals that mainly eat ants.

Try to name a different one each time someone takes the challenge.

[Note: Not all these animals will be found in South America.]

## Giant Armadillo Fact Challenge

Name another species of armadillo.

[There are 21 to choose from.]

Try to name a different one each time someone takes the challenge.

## Jaguar Fact Challenge

Name a species of big cat.

Try to name a different one each time someone takes the challenge.

[Note: Not all big cats are found in South America.]

## Sloth Fact Challenge

Name other animals that spend most of the time sleeping.

Try to name a different one each time someone takes the challenge.

[Note: Not all these animals will be found in South America.]

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## Giant Anteater Language Challenge

*la hormiga* means ant

Name any other invertebrates (animals without a backbone) in Spanish.

Try to name a different one each time someone takes the challenge.

## Giant Armadillo Language Challenge

*gigante* means giant

Name another common adjective in Spanish. For example, big, small, long, short, thin, fat etc.

Try to name a different one each time someone takes the challenge.

## Jaguar Language Challenge

Jaguar is spelt the same in English and in Spanish but pronounced differently.

Name other words which are spelt the same in English and Spanish.

Try to name a different one each time someone takes the challenge.

## Sloth Language Challenge

*perezoso* means lazy, sluggish like a sloth

Name other words in Spanish which could describe the sloth and their opposites. For example slow, fast, inactive, busy, boring, interesting etc.

Try to name a different one each time someone takes the challenge.

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## Giant Anteater Legend Challenge

Legend – An ancient legend says that an anteater tricked a jaguar into switching their pelts, and ever since, all anteaters are really jaguars and jaguars are anteaters!

**Question** – Do you think a giant anteater could attack a jaguar?

Answer – Jaguars do eat giant anteaters but the giant anteater can protect themselves with their powerful front legs and claws.

## Giant Armadillo Legend Challenge

Legend - An ancient Maya legend says that the first armadillos were created to teach a lesson to two gods. The gods sat on a bench that changed into armadillos. The armadillos jumped in the air and the gods landed on their bottoms in disgrace!

**Question** – The Mayan and Aztec people were from Central America. What is the name of an ancient people of South America?

Answer – The Inca Empire ruled the west coast of South America from around 1200 to 1572.

## Jaguar Legend Challenge

Legend – In some tribes, seeing a black panther is an evil omen and black panthers can be connected to witchcraft.

**Question** – Is there such an animal as a black panther?

Answer – No. There is no scientific species called black panther. *Panthera onca* is the Latin name for the jaguar. There are jaguars that look very black because they have a lot of black pigment in their skin. If you look at these animals close up, you can still see the jaguar pattern.

## Sloth Legend Challenge

Legend – There are stories about a giant creature living in South America which has one eye, long claws, backward feet and is like a giant sloth. It is called a *mapinguary*.

**Question** – Is it possible this story is based on a real prehistoric sloth-like animal which is now extinct?

Answer – Yes. There were giant ground sloths that lived until about 10,000 years ago.

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## Giant Anteater Threat Challenge No. 1

*La quema de plantaciones* is the Spanish translation for one of the threats to the giant anteater.

Look up *quema* or the verb *quemar* in a Spanish-English dictionary. Name the threat.

Collect a RED conservation counter

## Giant Armadillo Threat Challenge No. 1

*La pérdida de hábitat* is the Spanish translation for one of the threats to the giant armadillo.

Look up *pérdida* or the verb *perder* in a Spanish-English dictionary. Name the threat.

Collect a RED conservation counter

## Jaguar Threat Challenge No. 1

*El exceso de caza* is the Spanish translation for one of the threats to the jaguar.

Look up *caza* or the verb *cazar* in a Spanish-English dictionary. Name the threat.

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## Sloth Threat Challenge No. 1

*El cambio climático* is the Spanish translation for one of the threats to the sloth.

Look up *cambio* or the verb *cambiar* in a Spanish-English dictionary. Name the threat.

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## Giant Anteater Threat Challenge No. 2

Discuss what is meant by sustainable farming and how this could protect the habitat.

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## Giant Armadillo Threat Challenge No. 2

Discuss what is meant by reforestation and how this could be a solution.

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## Jaguar Threat Challenge No. 2

Discuss how education and laws can change behaviour.

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## Sloth Threat Challenge No. 2

Discuss what is meant by reducing carbon emissions and how this could be a solution.

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