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LANGUAGE
English



Goals

- Can read and understand a lengthy text on the lost tribes of the Amazon Rainforest.
- Can discuss the ethics of contacting indigenous tribes and evaluate how to best protect them



Follow the Amazon River
deep into the jungle, far away from
cities and towns. It's here you'll
discover the mysterious **lost tribes**
who live in complete **isolation** from
the outside world...





Warm up

What do you know about the Amazon?





Amazonian tribes

What do you imagine when you hear the term **lost Amazonian tribe**?





Imagine....

You are hiking through the Amazon and spot some tribespeople through the trees. What would you do and why?





Vocabulary



Indigenous people are native to a particular place.

A **loincloth** is a piece of cloth worn wrapped around the hips.



For some, **isolation** is lonely, but others seek it out.

An intruder **encroaches** on another person's territory.





Vocabulary



Vaccines give people **immunity** against different kinds of diseases.

To **thieve** is to steal secretly, while a **raid** is a surprise attack.



Drug **traffickers** smuggle illegal drugs across borders.

Corruption allows people to get away with dishonest or illegal behaviour.





Lost tribes of the Amazon Rainforest



A crack of thunder in the distance was barely **audible** over the roar of the helicopter as Ricardo Stuckert peered out of his window into the rainforest below. The photographer had taken a **diversion** to avoid a thunderstorm and was flying near the border of Brazil and Peru. Looking down into the trees, he spotted something unexpected: a group of men wearing body paint and **loincloths**, armed with wooden weapons, looking back at him from below. Stuckert instinctively snapped photos of the group that later made headlines around the world: "Photographer Captures Images of Lost Amazon Tribe".



Lost tribes of the Amazon Rainforest

It is thought that there are around 70 or 80 “lost”, or **uncontacted**, tribes still living in the Amazon, making up between 2,000 to 3,000 people. Many around the world are fascinated with the idea of Amazonians and lost tribes, often **envisioning** how they might live in **isolation** from the rest of the world; perhaps sleeping in **grass huts** and hunting jaguar. We wonder about their **naive** surprise when they learn of our modern lifestyle and, **for better or for worse**, encounter everything from “our” world, from flip flops to smartphones.

Surprisingly, many tribes are actually aware of the outside world. Despite this, they choose to maintain their traditional lifestyle and live in complete or relative isolation. In Brazil alone there are officially about 240 total **indigenous** tribes, which maintain varying degrees of contact with the outside world, living both in and outside of the Amazon.



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Fill in the gaps with the correct word.

1. Stuckert was on a _____ to avoid a thunderstorm when he saw the tribe.
2. Thunder was hardly _____ over the noise of the helicopter's engine.
3. We sometimes _____ how tribes in the jungle might live.
4. Indigenous tribes may be _____ when it comes to our modern lifestyles.
5. Some people in tropical regions live in traditional _____.
6. Tribes are considered lost or _____ because they hide from the outside world.

audible

naive

grass huts

diversion

uncontacted

envision



For better or for worse

Think about the meaning of **for better or for worse**. What are some unavoidable ways in which contact with the outside world could change a tribe?





Amazon tribes

Using your ideas from the previous activity, why do you think some tribes choose to stay isolated from the modern world?





Lost tribes of the Amazon Rainforest

The lives and way of life of many uncontacted tribes are in danger, threatened by increasing **encroachment** by illegal loggers, miners and drug **traffickers**. In September 2017, less than one year after Stuckert's photos made the news, members of another uncontacted tribe were **massacred** by gold miners while collecting eggs on a riverbank. There are also hidden dangers: uncontacted peoples have no **immunity** against now-common diseases, and can easily be wiped out by **epidemics** like the flu or measles.

The question is: what should be done to protect these indigenous people from threats like traffickers and contagious diseases? For many years, the policy has been to avoid initiating contact with these tribes. Brazil and certain other countries have even created giant **reserves** around tribal territories, prohibiting entry to outsiders.



Lost tribes of the Amazon Rainforest

Sometimes, tribes choose to make contact themselves. When this happens, researchers and authorities must go to great lengths to protect the tribes from **contamination**. In 2014, one tribe crossed the border from Peru into Brazil, voluntarily contacting researchers in order to request help because they were being driven out of their territory by drug smugglers and loggers. Doctors needed to gain their trust so as to inject them with vaccinations against contagious diseases before the government could offer help.



Choose the most appropriate synonym

1. An uncontacted tribe was **massacred** by gold miners.

- a. held back b. flattened c. murdered d. abolished

2. Brazil and other countries have created giant **reserves** for tribes.

- a. confined areas b. protected areas c. free trade zones d. public areas

3. Researchers must go to great lengths to protect tribes against **contamination**.

- a. infection b. pollution c. invitation d. violation

4. Contact with outsiders can cause flu or measles **epidemics** in tribal communities.

- a. explosions b. interference c. intervention d. outbreaks



Contacting Amazon tribes

Complete the following sentences with vocabulary words or their synonyms from the previous activity.

1. Uncontacted people are not _____ to common diseases.
2. Illegal loggers are _____ on tribal territory.
3. An _____ of the flu or measles could wipe out an entire tribe.
4. Outsiders must be careful not to _____ indigenous tribes.
5. Gold miners were found to be _____ tribal people.



The history of lost Amazon tribes

When European explorers first came to the Americas, they brought diseases that killed millions of indigenous people. Considering this, why do you think Amazonian tribes are described as being **lost**?





Contacting Amazon tribes



Aside from disease, what other factors should be considered when contacting a lost tribe?



Lost tribes of the Amazon Rainforest

Areas situated nearby the lost tribes have also come under threat – interestingly, from the tribes themselves. Although the tribes do not wish to join the modern world, they do want the food, weapons, and wealth they've seen in nearby villages; what's more, they have been known to **thieve** or **raid** to get it. In November 2014, a Peruvian settlement near a reserve was **evacuated** when 150 Mashco-Piro tribespeople appeared on the other side of the river, armed as if ready to start a war. Since there was no way of communicating with them, nobody knows exactly why this occurred.



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Further complicating protection of the tribes is the fact that many of them reside in border regions between two countries. This requires cooperation between multiple countries, which may have different policies and priorities for working with uncontacted tribes. As more villages report theft and **violent clashes**, some government agencies have begun to break their no-contact code in order to try to prevent further violence on both sides.



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Still, as indigenous people continue to be murdered by those engaging in illegal activities, pressure is **mounting** on Brazil, Peru and Colombia to do something about the **corruption** that allows it to happen. While there may still be 70 or 80 “lost” tribes remaining in the rainforests, if they continue to be “found” in the wrong way, their unique cultures may sadly be lost forever.



True or false?

	TRUE	FALSE
1. An uncontacted tribe in Peru destroyed a village.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. It's difficult to communicate with some indigenous people.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Uncontacted tribes are not interested in modern things.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Governments refuse to interfere with uncontacted tribes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Illegal activities threaten uncontacted tribes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. There are still 70 or 80 lost tribes in the Amazon.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Protecting Amazon tribes

How could the government better protect tribes from the outside world, and vice versa? Consider the following issues.

The health of the tribespeople

The safety of the villagers

Illegal activities in tribe territory

A vertical stack of six lined paper sheets, each with a blue vertical margin line on the left and punch holes along the left edge. The sheets are intended for taking notes on the issues listed to the left.



Imagine...

You are the governor of a state where villages have had problems with indigenous tribes. How could you help the people below?

If the government doesn't do something soon, I'll do it myself!



Hugo's village is on the border of a reserve and they often have their animals stolen.



I respect the indigenous people, but they are too close for comfort.

Luiz's village is not near a reserve but recently tribes have moved into the area.



Imagine again...

You are hiking through the Amazon and spot some tribespeople through the trees. What would you now do differently and why?





Reflect on the lesson

Take a moment to review any new **vocabulary, phrases, language structures** or **grammar points** you have come across for the first time in this lesson.

Review them with your teacher one more time to make sure you don't forget!





Answer key

Exercise p. 11

1. diversion, 2. audible, 3. envision, 4. naive, 5. grass huts, 6. uncontacted

Exercise p. 16

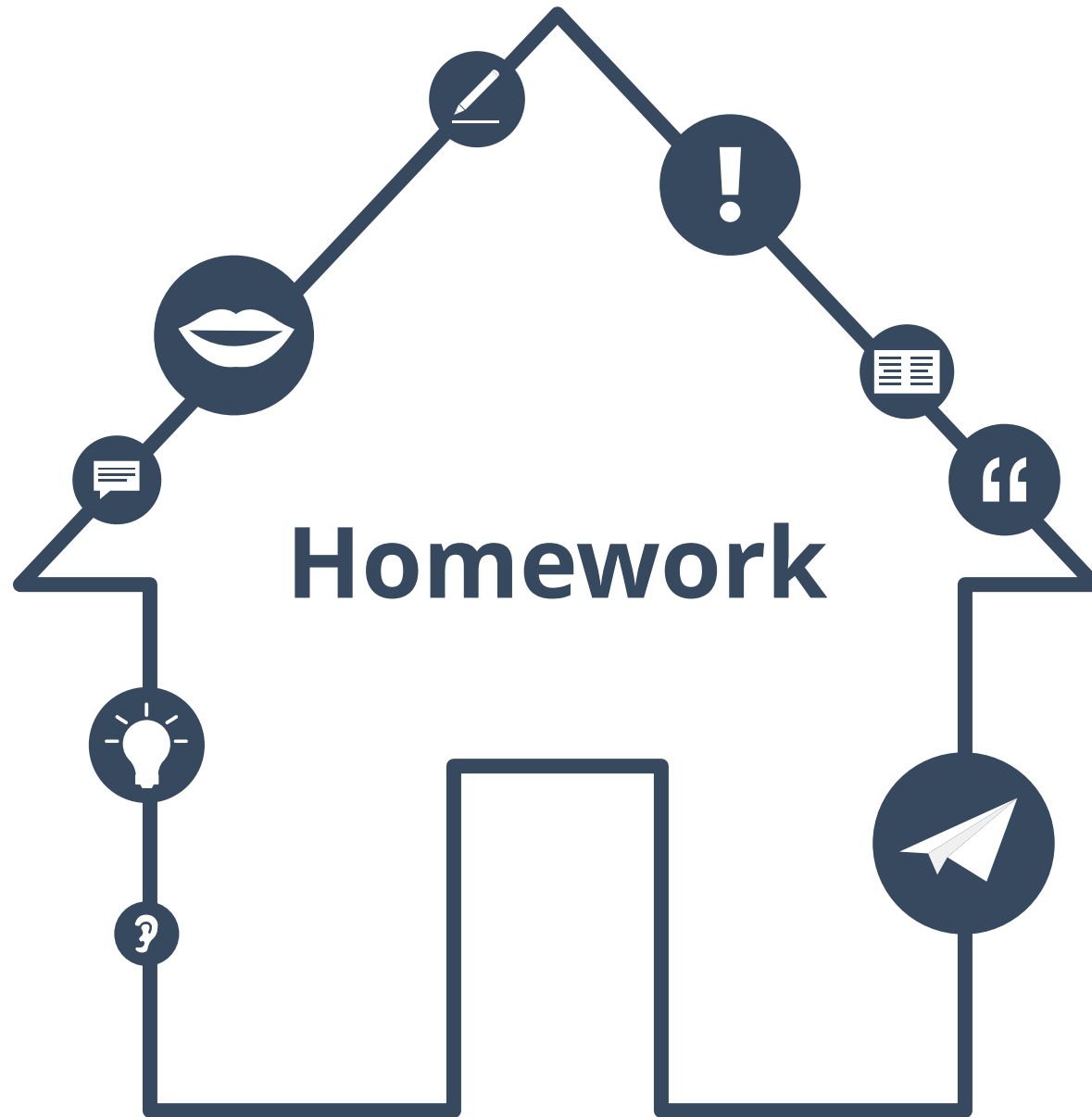
1. c, 2. b, 3. a, 4. d

Exercise p. 17

1. immune, 2. encroaching, 3. epidemic/outbreak, 4. contaminate/infect, 5. massacring/murdering

Exercise p. 23

1. False, 2. true, 3. false, 4. false, 5. true, 6. true





Match the two parts of the sentence

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. Researchers and authorities must go through great lengths to... | a. because of encroachment by illegal loggers, miners and drug traffickers. |
| 2. The lives of many uncontacted tribes are in danger... | b. they want the food and weapons they've seen in nearby villages. |
| 3. In Brazil alone there are... | c. is the fact that many reside in border regions between two countries. |
| 4. Although the tribes do not wish to join the modern world... | d. to do something about the corruption that allows tribes to be murdered. |
| 5. There is thought to be around 70 or 80... | e. protect the tribes from contamination. |
| 6. Further complicating protection of the tribes... | f. "lost", or uncontacted, tribes still living in the Amazon. |
| 7. Pressure is mounting on Brazil, Peru and Columbia... | g. officially about 240 total indigenous tribes. |



New vocabulary

**Choose your favourite words from the lesson
and write two of your own new sentences for each word.**

A spiral-bound notebook with a light gray cover and white pages. A white sticky note with a torn bottom edge is attached to the top right of the notebook. The sticky note has the text "Useful vocabulary" written on it. The notebook pages are lined, and the word "to encroach" is written on one of the lines.

Useful vocabulary

to encroach



Homework answer key

1. e, 2. a, 3. g, 4. b, 5. f, 6. c, 7. d



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