

One of the best places on Earth to find monsters is South America. Should you want to see one, you'd need to look in specific habitats, which include: the dense, damp rainforests of Brazil; the rocky, towering mountains of Chile; and the stunning coastal areas in Peru. Despite being one of the world's most dangerous areas, South America continues to engross people and nature programs are desperate and dedicated to catching a glimpse of the beasts on camera. Read on if you want to find out more!

What monsters can be found there?

Many creatures can be found in the dense rainforests of South America from the tiniest poison frogs to the much more terrifying beast described in this report. In the most northern part of the continent, you might encounter the beast known as Shtabai. These demons are common in the myths of the Maya people. They live in caves and can – if they need to do so – transform themselves, taking on a human appearance. As a consequence, many humans have been fooled into following this beast to their death. Further south, in the rainforests of Brazil, you could be unfortunate enough to stumble upon the Minata-Karaia (they are pretty difficult to miss). Monstrous giants, as tall as the jungle canopy, the Minata-Karaia spend their days striding around the dense rainforest. The males have strange holes in their heads that whistle as they move and delicious fruits, like coconuts, grow from their armpits.

What they eat:

Almost all of the imposing and deadly creatures lurking in South America's rivers, mountains and forests are carnivores. Nevertheless, there is one creature living in the mountains of Columbia that isn't interested in feasting on meaty flesh (this doesn't mean she won't kill you). Madremonte – meaning Mother Mountain – fiercely protects her land and the creatures in it. She will only eat moss and leaves and this is only when it is absolutely necessary. In contrast, Pirama, which has the head of a horse and the body of a fish, swims the rivers of Argentina drowning fishermen and devouring them for lunch!

How they behave:

Many of the beasts described in this report are hostile and vicious, however they seldom leave the familiarity of their own habitat. If you don't want to experience their hostile and wrathful behaviour, it is advised that you stay far away. The El Cuero, which is the most chilling beast of all, sends shivers down the spines of the Chile locals (where it can be found roaming). This giant, blood-sucking cow hide floats on rivers stalking its human prey. It strikes like lightning; tightly folds itself around its unsuspecting victim; and sucks their bones clean! El Cuero is not only the most nightmarish beast of them all but the most elusive and devious. Whilst basking on the river bank, it looks like nothing more than a limp, lifeless animal skin.

The beasts of this continent are some of the strangest and fiercest monsters anyone has ever seen, yet, people still flock in their thousands to try and get a chance encounter with one of them. Although a lucky few have returned to tell their tale, many have perished on their travels. Each of the rainforests, rivers and mountain ranges throughout South America is littered with demons poised to rip the flesh from your bones...



Questions

DIFFICULTY : MEDIUM

1. Name 3 countries in South America where you can find monsters.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

2. Complete the table:

Monster		How it kills:
Shtabai	-	<div><div></div><div></div></div>
Pirama	-	<div><div></div><div></div></div>
El Cuero	-	<div><div></div><div></div></div>

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seldom

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imposing

aggressive

unfortunate

impressive

4. Tick whether the statement is true or false:

True

False

Madremonte won't kill humans.

☐☐

All the beasts in South America only eat meat.

☐☐

Many people die trying to see some of these monsters.

☐☐

The El Cuero is difficult to spot.

☐☐

5. Which beast would you most like to see? Explain why using evidence from the text.

6. Where does the El Cuero live?

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7. What is the purpose of this report? Tick one.

To entertain ☐

To argue ☐

To inform ☐

To persuade ☐

8. List 2 things that the author does to guide the reader:

1. _____

2. _____

9. Explain why Madremonite doesn't eat meat.



1. Name 3 countries in South America where you can find monsters.

Brazil

Chile

Peru





2. Complete the table:

Monster	How it kills:
Shtabai	They can transform themselves, taking on a human appearance. As a consequence, many humans have been fooled into following this beast to their death.
Pirama	Drowns fishermen
El Cuero	It strikes like lightning; tightly folds itself around its unsuspecting victim; and sucks their bones clean.

Answers

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Many people die trying to see some of these monsters.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Any answer that correctly refers to a beast's features and uses evidence from the text to explain their thinking.

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Chile

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Title
Sub-headings
Paragraphs
Introduction
Conclusion

9. Explain why Madremonite doesn't eat meat.

Madremonite means Mother Mountain. This suggests that she looks after the mountain. It says in the text that she fiercely protects her land and the creatures in it so if she was to eat meat, she wouldn't be protecting those creatures.