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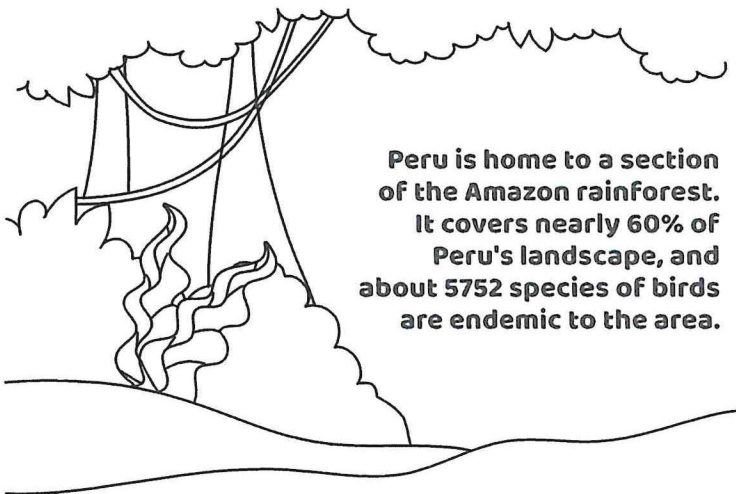
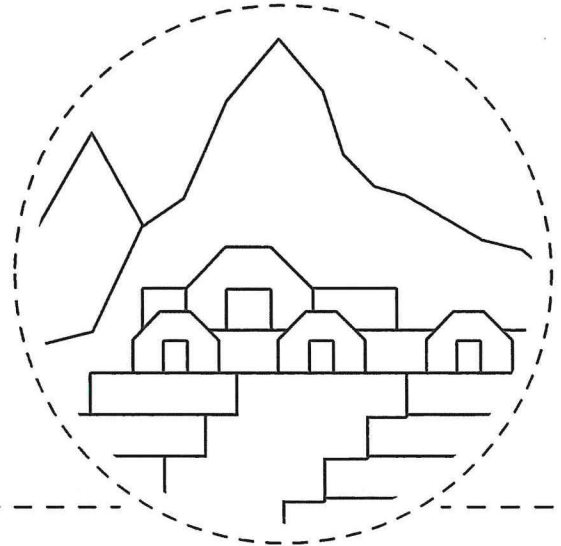
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Peru is a beautiful country in Latin America. It's the third largest country in South America after Brazil and Argentina.

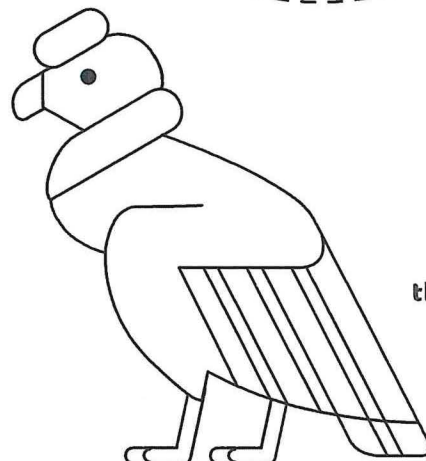


The capital of Peru is Lima, located on the Pacific Coast. It is also the largest city in the country.

The most famous landmarks in Peru are the lost city of Machu Picchu in the Andes mountains, the imperial city of Cusco, and the Nazca lines, all part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site list, and natural resources like Lake Titicaca and Cerro Blanco, the world's highest sand dune after Duna Federico Kirbus in Argentina.



Peru is home to a section of the Amazon rainforest. It covers nearly 60% of Peru's landscape, and about 5752 species of birds are endemic to the area.



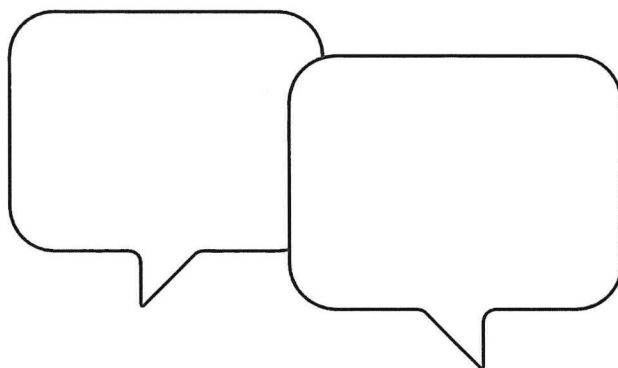
The Andean condor bird is the largest flying bird in Peru and one of the largest in the world.



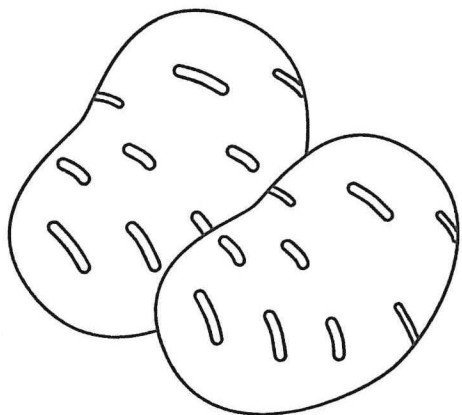
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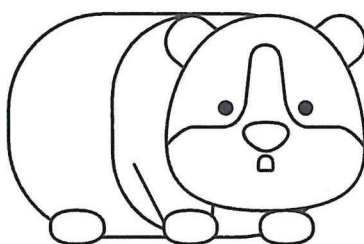
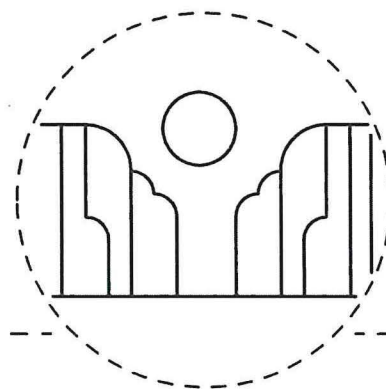
As a former Spanish colony, most people in Peru speak Spanish. Still, the country has two official languages besides Spanish: Quechua, a language spoken in the Incan empire, and Aymara, native to the Andes.



Peru has over 4000 types of potato varieties, and they come in different colors ranging from purple to pink to blue and red.



Cotahuasi Canyon is one of the world's deepest canyons; it is twice as deep as the Grand Canyon in Arizona, United States.



Guinea pig is a delicacy in Peru, but Peruvian cuisine typically includes corn, potatoes, beans and meats.

The Spanish conquest of the Inca Empire, led by conquistador Francisco Pizarro, was one of the most important campaigns in the Spanish colonization of the Americas.

