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## 10 Fun Facts About South America and the surrounding Pacific Ocean to Share with Your Students or Kids

### How to Use this worksheet:

South America is known for its great biodiversity, rainforests, grasslands, mountains, and deserts. Spanning westward to South America, the Pacific Ocean is a vital part of the world economy, offering scenic beauty and food for millions of people along its route. Use this worksheet to share 10 interesting facts about South America and the Pacific Ocean with your students or kids. Each fact presented is followed by a general trivia question. Use the questions for a fun knowledge test or as a didactic tool to teach kids about these amazing locations. Answers to the trivia questions can be found on the Answer Sheet provided at the end of the worksheet.

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1. The average temperature of the Pacific Ocean's surface is 70°–80° F (21.1°–26.7° C).

True or False?

2. The Pacific Ocean's average depth is the greatest of any ocean. True or False?

3. The Pacific Ocean is home to most of the world's islands. About how many are there? a) 25,000 b) 50,000 c) 75,000

4. Atolls are coral islands surrounded by a lagoon. How many atolls are in the Pacific Ocean? a) 340 b) 440 c) 540

5. The famous Great Barrier Reef is found in the Pacific Ocean. True or False?

6. The Pacific Ocean is shrinking every year due to tectonic plate activities underneath, but by how much? a) 1" b) 2" c) 3"

7. The only native bear to live in South America is the Speckled Bear. True or False?

8. Most species in South America live in which rainforest?

9. South America's Capybara is a marsupial. True or False

10. The Galapagos Islands of South America is associated with which British naturalist?

# Answer Sheet

1) True

2) True

3) 25,000

4) 440

5) True

6) 1"

7) True

8) Amazon Rainforest

9) False—it is the world's largest **rodent**

10) Charles Darwin

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