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Where Could I Bee - Latin America

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People of Earth

How do you **DO?**

Allow me to introduce

Myself to **YOU.**

My name is Wer Cudi **BEE,**

And I'm a proud member of the

Cudi Bee **FAMILY.**

We love to travel,

But it's so hard to **DECIDE**

Because in a far-off Galaxy is

Where we **RESIDE.**

The reason I'm talking

To you people of **EARTH**

Is because I've decided

To explore your home **TURF.**

My sense of direction

Is not very **STRONG.**

I get lost quite a bit

Can you help me **ALONG?**

If I get lost or curious

I will shoot you some **CLUES**

You'll do some research

And then what you'll **DO**

Is give my location

Be it on land or on **SEA**

Basically, you'll tell me

Where could I **BEE.** © 2019 All rights reserved.

Today I'm not asking

For a specific **PLACE**

I want a holiday that should be important

To the entire human **RACE**

Started by Gaylord Nelson

In **1970**

This holiday celebrates nature

Mountains, lakes, and **TREES**

Coming from space

I have seen your **PLANET**

And all the wonderful things

That you humans take for **GRANTED**

April 22 is a great day

To make sure nature **THRIVES**

Although it is a holiday that

Should be Celebrated **365**

There is only one Earth

Believe me I **KNOW**

And you should always consider it first

As along the road of life you **GO**

So don't tell me my location

Or where could I **BEE**

Just tell me this holiday and remember

There is absolutely nothing wrong with hugging a **TREE** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is Earth Day.
Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies:
WH.6: The student will evaluate contemporary global issues and challenges.
Source: Earthday.org. "The History of Earth Day." *Earth Day*, 2 July 2021, https://www.earthday.org/history/.

In this Scuba Diver's paradise

I'm seeking **RELIEF**

It has a Great Blue Hole

And the second largest barrier **REEF**

English is the language

Of this land by the **SEA**

So, in English can you tell me

Where could I **BEE?** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is Belize. In Belize by law the Belize dollar is worth exactly half of the United States dollar. Belize contains many Mayan ruins is the least densely populated country in Central America. For what words does the acronym S.C.U.B.A stand?
SCUBA stands for Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus.
Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies:
6.2: The student will analyze the physical systems of the major regions of the Western Hemisphere.
Sources: Britannica, The Editors of Encyclopedia. "Belize Barrier Reef". Encyclopedia Britannica, 13 Aug. 2019, https://www.britannica.com/place/Belize-Barrier-Reef. Accessed 2 March 2022.
Britannica, The Editors of Encyclopedia. "Underwater Diving". Encyclopedia Britannica, 20 Sep. 2017, https://www.britannica.com/topic/underwater-diving. Accessed 2 March 2022.

This country's army was replaced by teachers

Now that sounds really **GREAT**

Its people are educated

With a 98% literacy **RATE**

Its Nicoya Peninsula

Is where humans grow **OLD**

They call it a blue zone

Or so I've been **TOLD**

Many frogs, birds, and animals

Are endemic to this **PLACE**

And four types of monkeys dwell

In this tropical **SPACE**

Having a rich coast

Is what this country's **ABOUT**

It does well in tourism

of this there's no **DOUBT**

In Central America

It's the most visited **COUNTRY**

So put this all together

And tell me where could I **BEE** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is Costa Rica. Costa Rica abolished its army in 1949 and diverted money from its military budget into education. Nicoya is what is known as a Blue Zone, which is a place where the population has a longer than average life expectancy. The average life expectancy of the Nicoya peninsula is 79.3 years.
Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies:
6.3 The student will identify the characteristics, distribution, and demographic patterns of human populations and systems of the Western Hemisphere.
Source: Hackl, Cathy. "What Costa Rica's Blue Zone Can Teach Us about the Future of Well-Being and Longevity." *Forbes*, Forbes Magazine, 13 Aug. 2020, https://www.forbes.com/sites/cathyhackl/2020/08/12/what-costa-ricas-blue-zone-can-teach-us-about-the-future-of-wellbeing--longevity/?sh=11a6b48952d8.

The island I'm on now

Is shaped like a **CROCODILE**

In fact, it's called EL Cocodrilo

Every once in a **WHILE**

This country is famous

For its classic old **CARS**

And even more famous

For quality **CIGARS**

In 1959

Revolution was the **CASE**

That ousted Batista

And put Fidel in his **PLACE**

Its main island is the largest

In the Caribbean **SEA**

Can you tell me

Where could I **BEE** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is the Republic of Cuba. Cuba lies just 90 miles away from the tip of Florida. Cuba is made up of over 4,000 islands and cays. The country is home to the dances Bolero, Mambo, and the Cha Cha.

Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies:

WH.5: The student will evaluate post World War II regional events leading to the transformations of the modern world (1945-1990 CE).

Source: Clifford, Paul F. "Mambo Dance." *Salsa Dance*, StreetDance, 2013, https://www.salsadance.co.uk/background-to-mambo-salsa-and-cha-cha-cha-part-2/.

In the New World's oldest city

Eating a **BANANA**

I'm here to see humpback whales

In the Bay of **SAMANA**

Here the merengue

Is the national **DANCE**

You may really like it

If you give it a **CHANCE**

Coffee, sugar, and tobacco

Are the major **EXPORTS**

And baseball of course

Is the national **SPORT**

Tell me this country

Of the Greater **ANTILLES**

And pirate a win

At where could I **BEE** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is the Dominican Republic. The Dominican Republic contains the oldest European settlement in the New World. Pirates used the capital city, Santo Domingo, to recruit new mates to help plunder Spanish Galleons. The Dominican Republic is the largest economy in the Caribbean and Central American region.

Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies:

6.3 The student will identify the characteristics, distribution, and demographic patterns of human populations and systems of the Western Hemisphere.

Source: World Bank. "The World Bank in the Dominican Republic." *World Bank*, 10 June 2021, https://www.worldbank.org/en/country/dominicanrepublic/overview#1.

In the Pompeii of the Americas

Having Pupusa for **LUNCH**

I'm in the smallest country in Central America

That's not just a **HUNCH**

This country has many volcanoes and

Only a Pacific **COASTLINE**

It went to war with Honduras

After a soccer match one **TIME**

Bring your surfboard

Cause the waves are gnarly round **HERE**

Or you may climb Monte Cristo

If the weather is **CLEAR**

Tell me this country

Found on the ring of **FIRE**

And you will fulfill

My where could I bee **DESIRE.** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is El Salvador.
Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies:
6.2: The student will analyze the physical systems of the major regions of the Western Hemisphere.
Source: Browning, David G. , Varela, René Santamaria , Flemion, Philip F. and Schultze-Kraft, Markus. "El Salvador". Encyclopedia Britannica, 17 Dec. 2021, https://www.britannica.com/place/El-Salvador. Accessed 2 March 2022.

Cuba, Jamaica

Ooh I wanna take **YOU**

To Hispaniola, Puerto Rico

Baby, why don't we **GO**

Sorry, Beach Boys,

That's all that I **GOT**

And I didn't even find

The Cayman Islands a **SPOT**

See these large islands

Form a big **CHAIN**

Instead of where could I bee

Give me their collective **NAME** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is The Greater Antilles. Can you name the four largest islands of the Greater Antilles?
The four largest islands of the Antilles are Cuba, Hispaniola, Jamaica and Puerto Rico.
Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies:
6.2: The student will analyze the physical systems of the major regions of the Western Hemisphere.
Source: Britannica, The Editors of Encyclopedia. "Greater Antilles". Encyclopedia Britannica, 23 Feb. 2016, https://www.britannica.com/place/Greater-Antilles. Accessed 2 March 2022.

I'm on a Caribbean Island

Of communist **RULE**

But don't worry about me

Everything's **COOL**

There are Marines all around

To keep danger **AWAY**

And from the top of the barracks

I can see the **BAY**

Give the name of the country

And the naval base to **ME**

And you will win

Where could I **BEE** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answers are Cuba and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The United States leased the 120 square kilometers from Cuba in 1903 shortly after the Spanish-American War. The United States still holds this property. Today it is used as a United States Detention Center.
Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies:
WH.6 The student will evaluate contemporary global issues and challenges.
Source: CNN. "Guantanamo Bay Naval Station Fast Facts." *CNN*, Cable News Network, 30 Sept. 2021, https://www.cnn.com/2013/09/09/world/guantanamo-bay-naval-station-fast-facts/index.html.

I am in the land

Of eternal **SPRING**

Home country to the chocolate bar

That's a pretty cool **THING**

Thirty-seven volcanoes

Are found in this **LAND**

But Tajumulco is the tallest

At least that what I **UNDERSTAND**

The murder rates are high here

It's up there with the **MOST**

Please tell me where could I bee

So I can say **ADIOS** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is The Republic of Guatemala. Guatemala is bordered by Mexico, Belize, the Caribbean Sea, Honduras, El Salvador, and the Pacific Ocean. Once part of the Mayan Empire, this country was racked by a brutal civil war that lasted from 1960 until 1996. This history of violence along with cartel and gang activity has left Guatemala with one of the highest murder rates in the world.

Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies:

6.4 The student will analyze the interactions of humans and their environment in the Western Hemisphere.

Source: Swan, Catherine. "The Belize – Guatemala Dispute." *ArcGIS StoryMaps*, Esri, 1 Dec. 2021, https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/de5bb562ce824c39bfbaa717e4290eac.

In 2010 an earthquake

A **7.0**

Shook this country

To its very **SOUL**

This country is poor

This is most **CLEAR**

It's the poorest country

In the western **HEMISPHERE**

Tap tap buses

Are how people get **AROUND**

If they want to hear Kompa music

Being played **DOWNTOWN**

I need to know this nation

On Hispaniola by the **SEA**

And you will win

At where could I **BEE** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is Haiti. This country shares the Island of Hispaniola with its neighbor to the east, the Dominican Republic. Many cultures have influenced Haiti. Spanish, French, and African cultures have all combined to make Haiti a truly unique country.
Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies:
6.5 The student will compare common physical and human characteristics of regions which create identity or uniqueness and influence people's perceptions of the Western Hemisphere.
Source: Nag, Oishimaya Sen. "The Culture of Haiti." *WorldAtlas*, WorldAtlas, 1 Apr. 2019, https://www.worldatlas.com/articles/the-culture-of-haiti.html.

Please go to great depths

To find this **COUNTRY**

It was named by Columbus

Least that's what they told **ME**

The Copan Mayan Ruins

Tell some history of this **LAND**

That has both Pacific

And Atlantic **SANDS**

Where the term "banana republic"

First got its **START**

And with the lempiras

One should be **SMART**

Among the catrachos I am

With this simple **PLEA**

Give me the name of this nation

And tell me where could I **BEE** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is the Republic of Honduras.
Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies:
6.5 The student will compare common physical and human characteristics of regions which create identity or uniqueness and influence people's perceptions of the Western Hemisphere.
WH.3 The student will analyze the political, economic, and social transformations brought about by the events of the age of revolutions and imperialism (1750-1900 CE).
Source: Eschner, Kat. "Where We Got the Term 'Banana Republic.'" *Smithsonian.com*, Smithsonian Institution, 18 Jan. 2017, https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/where-we-got-term-banana-republic-180961813/.

To guess where I am

You won't need a **MAP**

I'm chilling on the beach

In my new **RASTACAP**

English is the language

Of this island on the **SEA**

And it's telephone system

Was copied by **AT&T**

Reggae is the music

That this county **MAKES**

Tell me where could I bee

And make no **MISTAKES** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is Jamaica. The third largest island in the Caribbean and the largest English-speaking nation there, Jamaica part of the Commonwealth of nations. Tourism makes up over 50% of this nation's economy. Coffee, sugar, and aircraft are also important industries in Jamaica.

Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies:

6.5 The student will compare common physical and human characteristics of regions which create identity or uniqueness and influence people's perceptions of the Western Hemisphere.

Source: GlobalEDGE Team. "Jamaica: Economy." *GlobalEDGE*, Michigan State University, 2022, https://globaledge.msu.edu/countries/jamaica/economy. Accessed 3 Mar. 2022.

This country's flag

Has an Eagle with a **SNAKE**

Standing on a cactus

Taking a lunch **BREAK**

This country has a gulf of its own

And peninsulas on both **COASTS**

It has mountains and deserts

And rainforests to **BOAST.**

Take all these clues

And research **AWAY**

So you can win

Where could I bee **TODAY** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is the United Mexican States (aka Mexico). Aztec Legend say that their capital should be built where they would see an Eagle devouring a snake on a cactus. This site was seen on an island in Lake Texcoco. This would become the capital city of the Aztecs, Tenochtitlan. Today, Mexico City is located on the same site.
Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies:
6.2 The student will analyze the physical systems of the major regions of the Western Hemisphere.
Source: National Geographic Society. "Tenochtitlan." *National Geographic Society*, National Geographic, 7 Aug. 2020, https://www.nationalgeographic.org/encyclopedia/tenochtitlan/.

Where I am now

Is not quite **CLEAR**

But it's the second poorest country

In the Western **HEMISPHERE**

An American once ruled

This Central American **SPACE**

And its isthmus canal bid

Came in second **PLACE**

Tell me this country with

Its watery **NAME**

And you will win this

Where could I bee **GAME** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is Nicaragua. Because of the giant lake that shares Nicaragua's name, the country almost became the site of the Isthmus Canal. Due to volcanic activity among other reasons, Panama became the home country of this waterway. Managua is the capital city of Nicaragua.

Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies:

6.2 The student will analyze the physical systems of the major regions of the Western Hemisphere.

USH.3 The student will analyze the expanding role of the United States in international affairs as America was transformed into a world power in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, 1890 to 1920.

Source: Parker, Franklin D. , Orozco, Manuel S. , Walker, Thomas W., Nietschmann, Bernard and Arguello, Rosendo. "Nicaragua". Encyclopedia Britannica, 22 Jun. 2021, https://www.britannica.com/place/Nicaragua. Accessed 3 March 2022.

I’m in an isthmus of a country

Watching the sun **RISE**

It’s coming up over the Pacific

Now there’s a **SURPRISE**

And later today when I go to Colón

I’ll watch it set over the Atlantic

Until its colors all **GONE**

There is a rain forest

In the capital **CITY**

Or go spelunking in the Bayano Caves

I hear they are scary and **PRETTY**

Of course, there’s the water

That connects east and **WEST**

But not in the direction

I bet that you’d **GUESS**

I love this place

There is so much to **SEE**

But can you tell me

Where could I **BEE**? © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is Panama.
Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies:
6.2 The student will analyze the physical systems of the major regions of the Western Hemisphere.
Source: Gordon, Burton L., Millett, Richard L. and Anguizola, Gustavo. "Panama". Encyclopedia Britannica, 1 Nov. 2021, https://www.britannica.com/place/Panama. Accessed 3 March 2022.

I'm in the United States

Well, not really you **SEE**

I'm in a United States **TERRITORY**

Once part of Spain

This place I **ADORE**

Went to the U.S.

After the Spanish American **WAR**

Tell me the name

Of this **COMMONWEALTH**

Tell me where could I bee

And I'll toast to your **HEALTH** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is Puerto Rico. The people of Puerto Rico are considered citizens of the United States of America.
Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies:
USH.3 The student will analyze the expanding role of the United States in international affairs as America was transformed into a world power in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, 1890 to 1920.
WG.4 The student will explain the political organization of space.
Source: United States, Congress, USDA: Forest Services, and USDA. *El Yunque National Forest*. https://www.fs.usda.gov/elyunque.

This one is tough

But don't moan and **GROAN**

I want the Spanish names

Of the altitude **ZONES**

Give me the three names

Of hot, temperate, and **COLD**

And where could I bee

Won't have to be **TOLD** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is Tierra Caliente, Tierra Templada, and Tierra Fría.
Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies:
6.4 The student will analyze the interactions of humans and their environment in the Western Hemisphere.
Source: Quam, Joel, and Scott Campbell. "Latin America and the Caribbean (LACAR): Physical Geography I." *The Western World Daily Readings on Geography*, College of DuPage Digital Press, 31 Aug. 2020, https://cod.pressbooks.pub/westernworlddailyreadingsgeography/chapter/latin-america-and-the-caribbean-lacar-physical-geography-i/#:~:text=Traditionally%2C%20geographers%20have%20divided%20tropical,fria%2C%20and%20the%20tierra%20helada.

My, oh my

What a wonderful **PLACE**

It once was home

To an empire **RACE**

This peninsula has Pyramids

And temples to **SEE**

And despite its name,

It's not at all **YUCKY**

Cancun, and Cozumel

Are just two of the **TOWNS**

Where thousands of tourists

Are sure to be **FOUND**

Give me the name of this peninsula

While I chill on the **BEACH**

Surely this where could I bee

Won't be too out of **REACH** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is the Yucatan Peninsula. The Yucatan Peninsula separates the Gulf of Mexico from the Caribbean Sea and encompasses three Mexican states plus portions of Belize and Guatemala. On the Caribbean, Mexico's Mayan Rivera resort strip includes Cancun, with its high-rise hotels and nightlife, and, down the coast, Tulum, a rare seaside example of Mayan ruins.

Oklahoma Academic Standards of Social Studies:

6.2 The student will analyze the physical systems of the major regions of the Western Hemisphere.

Source: Misachi, John. "Yucatan Peninsula." *WorldAtlas*, WorldAtlas, 22 Mar. 2021, https://www.worldatlas.com/islands/yucatan-peninsula.html.

I'm at the highest point

In the western **HEMISPHERE**

I'm writing a post card

Saying wish you were **HERE**

Straddling Argentina and Chile

Climbing up in the **SKY**

This mountain measures

22,838 feet **HIGH.**

Tell me the name

Of this "Sentinel of **STONE**"

Sing out where could I bee

With a loud proud **TONE** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is Aconcagua. Aconcagua is of volcanic origin, but it is not itself an active Volcano. It has two summits, North and South that are connected by a ridge that's about 0.6 miles long. This ridge is called the Cresta del Guanaco.

Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies:

6.2 The student will analyze the physical systems of the major regions of the Western Hemisphere.

Source: Britannica, The Editors of Encyclopedia. "Mount Aconcagua". Encyclopedia Britannica, 11 Apr. 2019, https://www.britannica.com/place/Mount-Aconcagua. Accessed 3 March 2022.

Don’t cry for me

In this country I’m **ON**

At least those were the words

Of Eva **PERÓN**

Soccer is a popular game

Here, of **COURSE**,

But they also like games

That are played on a **HORSE**

The gauchos I suppose

Should get credit for **THAT**

And all the beef consumed

In this country I’m **AT**

This country’s the place

That the Tango calls **HOME**

But if you say that in Uruguay

You might get a **GROAN**

This country has a holiday

Dedicated to **FRIENDS**

Now give me an answer and bring

Where could I bee to an **END** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is Argentina. This is the second largest country in South America.
Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies:
6.5 The student will compare common physical and human characteristics of regions which create identity or uniqueness and influence people’s perceptions of the Western Hemisphere.
Source: Calvert, Peter A.R., Eidt, Robert C. and Donghi, Tulio Halperin. "Argentina". Encyclopedia Britannica, 28 Feb. 2022, https://www.britannica.com/place/Argentina. Accessed 3 March 2022.

Where I am now

It's more "Chile" than **COLD**

Although the degrees

Are about 30 **BELOW**

In this place there is very little **RAINFALL**

And of Earth's deserts

It's the driest of **ALL**

Tell me the name

Of this warm dry **LAND**

And where could I Bee

Will fall into your **HAND** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is the Atacama Desert. The Atacama Desert is in northern Chile and Southern Peru. Precipitation has never been recorded in some areas of this desert.
Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies:
6.4 The student will analyze the interactions of humans and their environment in the Western Hemisphere.
Source: Britannica, The Editors of Encyclopedia. "Atacama Desert". Encyclopedia Britannica, 16 Jul. 2019, https://www.britannica.com/place/Atacama-Desert. Accessed 3 March 2022.

The country I'm in is

Surrounded by **LAND**

No oceans, no waves

No white burning **SANDS**

This country gets its name

From a revolutionary SIMÓN

And it has two capital cities

Instead of one all **ALONE**

La Paz is the highest

Capital city of **ALL**

I wonder if that makes Sucre

Feel kind of **SMALL**

Here the largest salt flat on earth

Is called Salar de **UYUNI**

That should be enough to tell

Where could I **BEE** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is Bolivia. As one of only two land locked countries in South America, Bolivia is full of wonderful sights and interesting facts. This country gets its name from famous revolutionary leader SimónBolivar.

Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies:

6.2 The student will analyze the physical systems of the major regions of the Western Hemisphere.

Source: Arnade, Charles W. and McFarren, Peter J.. "Bolivia". Encyclopedia Britannica, 20 Apr. 2021, https://www.britannica.com/place/Bolivia. Accessed 3 March 2022.

I’m ready for Carnaval

In the country I’m **IN**

The Friday before Ash Wednesday

Is when it **BEGINS**

I’ll plan my costume

With a nice sea **BREEZE**

In this land where the people

Speak **PORTUGUESE**

I’m in South America’s largest country

And fifth largest in the **WORLD**

Now take this information

And give where could I Bee a **WHIRL** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is Brazil. Due to the line of demarcation that was established by the Treaty of Tordesillas, Portugal became the European nation to colonize Brazil. Brazil is a large country with a large population, ranking fifth for size and sixth for population.
Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies:
6.4 The student will analyze the interactions of humans and their environment in the Western Hemisphere.
Source: Britannica, The Editors of Encyclopedia. "Carnival". Encyclopedia Britannica, 11 Nov. 2021, https://www.britannica.com/topic/Carnival-pre-Lent-festival. Accessed 3 March 2022.

In one of the world's longest countries

Is where I now **RESIDE**

Down in South America

On the Pacific **SIDE**

What is said to be the world's oldest human mummy

Was found in this **STATE**

And the southernmost village in the world

Is a claim they **DEBATE**

Tell me this land of volcanoes

That are in the **ANDES**

And you will win at

Where could I **BEE** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is Chile.
Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies:
6.2 The student will analyze the physical systems of the major regions of the Western Hemisphere.
Source: "Andean Volcanic Belt: Volcanic Zones and Pacific Ring of Fire." *LAC Geo*, Latin American and Caribbean Geographic, 6 June 2020, https://lacgeo.com/andean-volcanic-belt-pacific-ring-fire.

I am high on a mountain

But don't be **ALARMED**

I'm in front of a statue

That has outstretched **ARMS**

Overlooking Rio de Janeiro

I can see **ALL**

And so can the statue

Because it's 30 meters **TALL**

The name of this statue

And the mountain

Are both what I **CRAVE**

And from this where could I bee

You soon will be **SAVED** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is "Christ the Redeemer" on Corcovado Mountain. The statue stands 98' tall with an arm span of 92' and weighs 1,127 tons. The hands and face were crafted out of soapstone in France.

Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies:

6.2 The student will analyze the physical systems of the major regions of the Western Hemisphere.

Source: Murray, Lorraine. "Christ the Redeemer". Encyclopedia Britannica, 14 Aug. 2021, https://www.britannica.com/topic/Christ-the-Redeemer. Accessed 3 March 2022.

I really don't wish

To stir up a **FUSS**

I'm in the country that was named

For that explorer **COLUMBUS**

Because this country touches both the Pacific

And Caribbean **SEA**

It's all so confusing

To this little **BEE**

Soccer's the game

That the people **PLAY**

And coffee's the export

That brings in the **PAY**

Other illegal exports

Have caused much **TROUBLE**

So let's avoid that

And go on the **DOUBLE**

To find the answer

Is quite **EASY**

Come back and tell me

Where could I **BEE** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is Columbia. Columbia is the only South American country that touches both the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea. It is famous for its coffee. Columbian coffee tasting tours are akin to wine tasting tours in France or California. Columbia is also developing a strong petroleum exporting industry.

Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies:

6.5 The student will compare common physical and human characteristics of regions which create identity or uniqueness and influence people's perceptions of the Western Hemisphere.

Source: Ferguson, Luke Alexander. "The Impact of Coffee Production on the Economy of Colombia." *The Impact of Coffee Production on the Economy of Colombia*, University of South Carolina, 5 May 2017, https://scholarcommons.sc.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1151&context=senior_theses.

I am at the point on Earth

That is closest to the **SUN**

The Summit of Mount Chimborazo

But wait - I'm not **DONE**

It is also the farthest point

From the Earth's **CORE**

Those are pretty good clues

But I'll give you even **MORE**

Last, but not least,

It's where to get a Panama **HAT**

In a country that doesn't touch Brazil

Tell me Where could I bee, **STAT** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is Ecuador. Ecuador was the first country in 2008 to establish the rights of nature. It is also one of the two countries of South America, the other being Chile, that does not share a border with Brazil.

Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies:

6.2 The student will analyze the physical systems of the major regions of the Western Hemisphere.

Source: MacLeod, Murdo J. , Knapp, Gregory W. and Vélez, Homero Pozo. "Ecuador". Encyclopedia Britannica, 15 Nov. 2021, https://www.britannica.com/place/Ecuador. Accessed 3 March 2022.

In the deserts of Mexico

On a grand old **ESTATE**

I am learning about

Native Americans' **FATE**

You see, the Peninsulares were given

Vast tracks of **LAND**

And the people who lived there

Forced to lend a **HAND**

It wasn't quite slavery

But it certainly wasn't **RIGHT**

It was a practice

De las Casas would make his personal **FIGHT**

On your planet

I'm sure you'll **AGREE**

People should have the right

To live their lives **FREE**

Can you name this feudal system

Instead of where could I **BEE**? © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is the Encomienda system. In this system, the Peninsulares and some Creoles were given land and the people who lived on the land. They could not buy or sell the people as in the American slavery system, but the people were tied to the land. Much like serfs of medieval Europe, people were forced to work and convert religions. Bartholomew de las Casas would fight this practice.

Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies:

WH.2 The student will analyze patterns of social, economic, political, and cultural changes during the rise of Western civilization and the Global Age (1400-1750 CE).

Source: Britannica, The Editors of Encyclopedia. "encomienda". Encyclopedia Britannica, 14 Aug. 2019, https://www.britannica.com/topic/encomienda. Accessed 3 March 2022.

I'm just outside Rio

In a poor shanty **TOWN**

The poverty is striking

And it's bringing me **DOWN**

These slums appeared

After the Canudos **WAR**

And now provide shelter

To millions of **POOR**

Tell me the name of these

Groups of **SHANTIES**

And you will win

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The correct answer is favelas. Today 11.4 million people live in favelas in Brazil. Most Brazillian favelas are found on the outskirts of the cities of Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo.
Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies:
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WH.6 The student will evaluate contemporary global issues and challenges.
Source: Green, James N, and Thomas E Skidmore. "Favelas in Rio De Janeiro, Past and Present." *Brazil: Five Centuries of Change*, Brown University Library, 2021, https://library.brown.edu/create/fivecenturiesofchange/chapters/chapter-9/favelas-in-rio-de-janeiro-past-and-present/.

Papillon could tell you

The country I'm **IN**

Because at Devil's Island

French prisoners paid for their **SINS**

There's more to the country

Than what you see at first **GLANCE**

It's an overseas department

Of the country of **FRANCE**

Its capital city

Is a pepper you **KNOW**

And if you have to spend money

You better have some **EUROS**

My favorite location is Kourou

I love this **PLACE**

It has a European station

That launches rockets into **SPACE**

Maybe someday you'll board a rocket

And come visit **ME**

But for now, just tell me

Where could I **BEE** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is French Guiana. French Guiana is an overseas department of France that is a part of the European Union and uses the Euro as its currency. The French initially tried to create an agricultural colony here; however, the soil is too poor to grow major cash crops. Later part of the country was used as a penal colony for prisoners of France until the middle of the 20th century.

Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies:

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WH.6 The student will evaluate contemporary global issues and challenges.

Source: Britannica, The Editors of Encyclopedia. "French Guiana". Encyclopedia Britannica, 30 Nov. 2020, https://www.britannica.com/place/French-Guiana. Accessed 3 March 2022.

I am in the islands

Where Darwin got it in his **HEAD**

That the fit go on living

And the weak end up **DEAD**

Make your selection

And **NATURALLY**

You could win

Where could I **BEE** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is the Galapagos Islands. Galapagos Islands contain there are many animals there that are found nowhere else on earth. What is the name of the Darwin's book describing his theory of natural selection?
The book is *On the Origin of Species*.
Oklahoma Academic Standards:
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WG.3 The student will analyze the components and regional variations of cultural patterns and processes.
Source: Britannica, The Editors of Encyclopedia. "Galápagos Islands". Encyclopedia Britannica, 20 Mar. 2020, https://www.britannica.com/place/Galapagos-Islands. Accessed 3 March 2022.

Here I am

At the Omai **MINE**

I'm speaking English

And having a golden **TIME**

Kaieteur Falls is really

Something to **SEE**

And its country is

Where could I **BEE** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is Guyana. Found in the northern part of South America along the Caribbean coast, this country is thickly covered in rainforest. The Omai gold mine is one of the largest in the world. Guyana's official language is English, but most of the population speaks Guyanese Creole.

Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies:

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6.3 The student will identify the characteristics, distribution, and demographic patterns of human populations and systems of the Western Hemisphere.

Source: Lynch, Sarah-Ann. "U.S. Relations with Guyana - United States Department of State." *U.S. Department of State*, U.S. Department of State, 20 May 2021, https://www.state.gov/u-s-relations-with-guyana/.

Somewhere on the Paraná

There lies a **DAM**

That is one of the largest

Ever built by man's **HANDS**

More hydroelectricity

Is produced at this **PLACE**

Than at almost any other

On the entire Earth's **FACE**

If you're ever in Paraguay

And need **ELECTRICITY**

Just think of this dam

Because it's where I could **BEE** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is the Itaipu dam. The dam is 643 feet high, 4.8 miles wide, and has 20 generators. It provides electricity for all of Paraguay and much of southern Brazil. It dams the Paraná River, the seventh largest river on earth.

Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies:

6.2 The student will analyze the physical systems of the major regions of the Western Hemisphere.

Source: CMS Admin. "The Itaipu Hydroelectric Dam Project, Brazil." *Power Technology*, GlobalData, 4 Aug. 2020, https://www.power-technology.com/projects/itaipu-hydroelectric/.

High in the Andes

Is where I am **FOUND**

Amidst the ruins

Of an ancient Incan **TOWN**

Was this a fort, a palace,

Or temple **PERHAPS?**

Whatever the case

It's marked on many tourist **MAPS**

Macho adventurers come to

Take pics and sight-**SEE**

But can you tell me

Where could I **BEE** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is Machu Picchu. Machu Picchu is located high in the Andes Mountains. The site of Machu Picchu is well preserved. The ruins consist of approximately 150 houses, a palace, temples, and is surrounded by terraced fields.

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Source: UNESCO World Heritage Centre. "Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu." *UNESCO World Heritage Centre*, UNESCO, 2022, https://whc.unesco.org/en/list/274.

Hello folks

How do you **DO**?

I'm lost somewhere

South of Lima, **PERU**

Here giant geoglyphs

Cover the **LANDS**

Although some think they were produced by aliens

They were made by human **HANDS**

There's a fox, a spider and

A giant **MONKEY**

Oh, won't someone tell me

Where could I **BEE**? © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is the Nazca Desert, where the famous Nazca lines are found. These lines draw out gigantic shapes on the desert floor that can only be seen from the air.
Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies:
6.2 The student will analyze the physical systems of the major regions of the Western Hemisphere.
6.4 The student will analyze the interactions of humans and their environment in the Western Hemisphere.
Source: History.com Editors. "Nazca Lines." *History.com*, A&E Television Networks, 4 Dec. 2017, https://www.history.com/topics/south-america/nazca-lines.

The place I am now

I didn't want to **STOP**

I'm scared this mountain

Could blow its **TOP**

The tallest active volcano

To be found on this **PLANET**

Is right under my feet

And I just can't **STAND IT**

It's the second highest point

In the western **HEMISPHERE**

And it makes me uncomfortable

Staying long **HERE**

So quick as you can

Give me a **TRY**

Before this where could I bee

Gets blown sky **HIGH** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is Ojos del Salado. Ojos del Salado, which translates into "eyes of the salty" in English, is the world's highest volcano and the second highest point in South America. Its last violent eruption is believed to have taken place some 1000 to 1500 years ago.

Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies:

2.2 The student will describe the physical and human characteristics of their environment.

6.2 The student will analyze the physical systems of the major regions of the Western Hemisphere.

Source: Alia, Adel Bou. "Ojos Del Salado." *WorldAtlas*, WorldAtlas, 15 Oct. 2021, https://www.worldatlas.com/mountains/ojos-del-salado.html.

Cows all around

Of this there's no **DOUBT**

I'm in a place where the gauchos

Work, sing, and **SHOUT**

I'm not seeking the name

Of some southern **COUNTRY**

I need the name of these grasslands

That stretch as far as one can **SEE**

So won't you please tell me

Where could I **BEE** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is the Pampas. The Pampas are the extensive lowland plains of South America. They extend across east-central Argentina from the Atlantic Ocean and include parts of Uruguay and the southern tip of Brazil.

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Source: Britannica, The Editors of Encyclopedia. "The Pampas". Encyclopedia Britannica, 20 Feb. 2015, https://www.britannica.com/place/the-Pampas. Accessed 4 March 2022.

I’m in a South American region

That spans Argentina and **CHILE**

Where the landscape is barren

And it’s cold most **DAYS**

It was named by Magellan

On one of his **TRIPS**

Now people wear these coats

Because they are quite **HIP**

Tell me this region

That has so few **TREES**

And you’ll win again

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The correct answer is Patagonia. Patagonia is a sparsely populated region shared by Argentina and Chile. The region comprises the southern section of the Andes Mountains and the deserts and Pampas to the east.

Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies:

6.2 The student will analyze the physical systems of the major regions of the Western Hemisphere.

Source: Lublin, Geraldine, and Mariela Eva Rodriguez. “500 Years after Ferdinand Magellan Landed in Patagonia, There's Nothing to Celebrate for Its Indigenous Peoples.” *The Conversation*, The Conversation U.S., 30 Jan. 2022, https://theconversation.com/500-years-after-ferdinand-magellan-landed-in-patagonia-theres-nothing-to-celebrate-for-its-indigenous-peoples-132939.

I feel very happy

But I am really quite **LOW**

At least as far

As elevation **GOES**

One of South America's lowest points

Is where I **AWAIT**

To see so many animals

Who have come to find **MATES**

This Patagonian peninsula

That has such a **CHILL**

Is a major breeding ground

For whales, penguins, and **SEALS**

It's time to go now

You know, respect **PRIVACY**

But first, if someone could tell me

Where could I **BEE?** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is Peninsula Valdes. This T-shaped Peninsula is especially important to the conservation of the world's marine animals. It is one of the largest breeding areas for southern right whales.

Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies:

6.2 The student will analyze the physical systems of the major regions of the Western Hemisphere.

Source: UNESCO World Heritage Centre. "Península Valdés." *UNESCO World Heritage Centre*, UNESCO, 2022, https://whc.unesco.org/en/list/937/.

This country's Vinicunca Mountains

Have a rainbow of **COLORS**

And the flowering Puya Raimondii

Is taller than all **OTHERS**

Here coati dung coffee

Is a most expensive **DRINK**

And one of the deepest canyons in the world is found here

It's the Cotahuasi Canyon I **THINK**

The national tree makes Quinine

If a mosquito should **BITE**

And this deep canyon

Is a wonderful **SIGHT**

The country's camu-camu fruit

Is packed with vitamin **C**

Can you use these clues to tell me

Where could I **BEE**? © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is Peru. Peru has many wonderful things to see- from Machu Picchu to the cities of Lima and Cuzco.
Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies:
6.3 The student will identify the characteristics, distribution, and demographic patterns of human populations and systems of the Western Hemisphere.
6.5 The student will compare common physical and human characteristics of regions which create identity or uniqueness and influence people's perceptions of the Western Hemisphere.
Source: Davies, Thomas M. , Kus, James S. , Moore, John Preston , Pulgar-Vidal, Javier and Burr, Robert N. "Peru". Encyclopedia Britannica, 24 Jan. 2022, https://www.britannica.com/place/Peru. Accessed 4 March 2022.

The smallest independent country in South America

Is where I **RESIDE**

It has a diverse population

And strong Netherland **TIES**

Dutch is the language, Bauxite is the export

And Pom is the **FOOD**

And if you take a road trip

Let me warn you **DUDE**

It is so confusing

It may scare you to **DEATH**

Because when you drive down here

You must drive on the **LEFT**

That's plenty of clues

So go get that **VICTORY**

When you tell me

Where could I **BEE** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is the Republic of Suriname, formerly known as Dutch Guiana. The Dutch began to settle here in 1602 and gained sovereignty in 1667 in exchange for New Amsterdam. Suriname which gained its independence in 1975.
Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies:
WH.2 The student will analyze patterns of social, economic, political, and cultural changes during the rise of Western civilization and the Global Age (1400-1750 CE).
Source: Chin, Henk E. and Menke, Jack K. "Suriname". Encyclopedia Britannica, 10 Mar. 2021, https://www.britannica.com/place/Suriname. Accessed 4 March 2022.

Where I am now

There's just no **TELLIN'**

But it's an archipelago

Off the Strait of **MAGELLAN**

It's the "Land of Fire"

Or so I've been **TOLD**

But from where I'm sitting

It's still pretty **COLD**

If you have a Patagonia Jacket

Please bring it to **ME**

And tell me the name of

Where I could **BEE** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is Tierra del Fuego (Land of Fire). Tierra del Fuego is an archipelago off the Southernmost tip of the South American mainland.
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Source: Britannica, The Editors of Encyclopedia. "Tierra del Fuego". Encyclopedia Britannica, 17 Apr. 2013, https://www.britannica.com/place/Tierra-del-Fuego-archipelago-South-America. Accessed 4 March 2022.

Lost once again

South of a Bolivian **LAKE**

Where a civilization once flourished

There can be no **MISTAKE**

It has the Pyramid of Akapana

And a gateway of the **SUN**

It has a sunken courtyard

And giant carved stones by the **TON**

If only I knew this ancient **CITY**

Oh, won't you tell me

Where could I **BEE?** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is Tiwanaku. Tiwanaku is believed to have started as a small village in about 100 A.D. and was abandoned around 1000 A.D. It is estimated that between 20,000 and 40,000 people lived in this once thriving city.

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Source: UNESCO World Heritage Centre. "Tiwanaku: Spiritual and Political Centre of the Tiwanaku Culture." *UNESCO World Heritage Centre*, UNESCO, 2022, https://whc.unesco.org/en/list/567/.

On South America's Atlantic Coast

Is where I have **WENT**

To catch a glimpse of the world's

"Poorest **PRESIDENT**"

Of South American countries,

It's the only **ONE**

That doesn't have land

Under tropical **SUN**

It's a smart country

With a high literacy **RATE**

The students get free Laptops and Wi-Fi

Wouldn't that be **GREAT**?!

Tell Monte I'm in the capital

If he wants to video **ME**

Then give me the answer

To where could I **BEE** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is Uruguay. Education is free and compulsory. The President donates 90% of his salary to charities. What year did Uruguay decide to give all its students laptops and Wi-Fi? Uruguay's plan to give all students laptops began in 2006 and has been working at full capacity since 2009.

Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies:

WH.6 The student will evaluate contemporary global issues and challenges.

Source: Psetizki, Verónica. "Laptop for Every Pupil in Uruguay." *BBC News*, BBC, 16 Oct. 2009, http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/8309583.stm.

Dancing the Joropo

And having some **FUN**

I'm learning to play the cuatro

When I get **DONE**

I know that you're thinking

That I'm such a **HAM**

But I'm going sightseeing tomorrow

At the Guri **DAM**

I may go to the grassy plains

For a short little **STINT**

To check out giant rats

Or at least giant **RODENTS**

It's not all fun

For what it is **WORTH**

In 2015 this was one of the most dangerous countries

On the face of the **EARTH**

In fact, I may cut my stay short

A couple of days **EARLY**

If you can tell me

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The correct answer is Venezuela. Venezuela has major fossil fuel reserves. Other major exports include aluminum, steel, cement, and agricultural products.
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WH.6 The student will evaluate contemporary global issues and challenges.
Source: Venezuela Investigative Unit. "Caracas World's Most Violent City: Report." *InSight Crime*, 20 Sept. 2017, https://insightcrime.org/news/brief/caracas-most-violent-city-in-the-world-2015-report/.