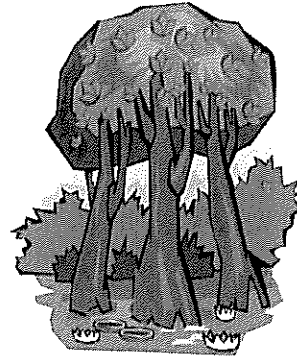


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# Amazon River

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The Amazon River is located in South America. It is the second longest river in the world. The Nile River is the longest. The Amazon River is 3,980 miles long. Its basin covers more than half of South America. In 1541 Spanish explorer Francisco de Orellana gave the river its name and was the first European to travel the entire length.



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**Answer each question with a complete sentence.**

1. Where is the Amazon River located?

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2. What is the name of the longest river in the world?

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3. How long is the Amazon River?

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4. Who traveled the entire length of the river in 1541?

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5. How much of South America does the Amazon River basin cover?

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Read the story. Then, answer the questions.

### World Holidays

You and your family may celebrate several special days a year. People in different countries recognize different holidays. Many people in China have a Lantern Festival to celebrate the new year. They light special lamps and hold colorful parades through the streets. In Scotland, some people celebrate Burns Night, in honor of the Scottish poet Robert Burns. Families or clubs gather together for a special meal and a reading of Burns's poetry on his birthday. While people in the United States celebrate their independence on Independence Day, people in Canada celebrate Canada Day. On July 1, 1867, the government of Canada was created. On both Canada Day and Independence Day, people have community parades and picnics. People in some parts of Germany celebrate Oktoberfest to mark the harvest. They eat traditional German foods like sausage and potato salad. People who went to other countries carried their traditions to their new homes, so many places outside of those countries celebrate the same holidays.

1. What is the main idea of this story?
  - a. Burns Night is a special holiday in Scotland.
  - b. People around the world celebrate different holidays.
  - c. Oktoberfest takes place in many cities.
  
2. What is a *lantern* in the story?
  - a. a type of food eaten in China
  - b. a special holiday
  - c. a type of lamp

3. How do people in Scotland honor Robert Burns?

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4. How are Independence Day and Canada Day celebrations alike?

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5. What does Oktoberfest represent?

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6. Why might someone take their traditions to a new country?

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# Figurative Language

chow down	head over heels	good as gold
heart of gold	feast or famine	safe and sound

**Rewrite each sentence using one of the idioms above.**

1. My mother helps others because she is so kind and loving.

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2. The quiet children were very well behaved during the long car trip.

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3. When I finally sat down for lunch, I ate quickly without talking.

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4. My best friend really loves the movie we watched.

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5. The mother couldn't rest until all her children were tucked in their beds at home.

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6. When I go to the library, I either see many books I want to read or none at all. It's always too many or too few.

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