

# Trans-Amazon Expedition

## Student Response: April 21, 2007

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### Notes From The Trail: Shelter For All

1. Give an example of a natural defense mechanism of plants in the rainforest.

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2. Explain how silica helps plants protect themselves.

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3. What are two reasons that animals use shelters?

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4. Why do people in the Amazon sometimes build their houses on stilts?

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## Cultural Connections: Home for the Ribeneros

5. In paragraph 3, the author mentions that kitchens are usually in separate buildings. Why do you think this is? Hint: Look at the picture on the left!

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6. What are some luxury items found in a ribenero's house? What are some luxury items found in your house?

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7. What are some ways ribeneros use the Amazon River?

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8. What would you do to entertain yourself on a launcha for three days? Remember, there's no electricity!

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