

## FUN FACT

## **South America**

- 1 the longest mountain range in the world, the Andes. The highest point in the range is the Cerro Aconcagua in Argentina.
- 2 over 3,000 species of birds including the condor in the Andes and the macaw in the Amazon rainforest.
- 3 the only penguins living north of the Equator, the Galapagos Penguin, native to the Galapagos Islands off the coast of Ecuador.
- 4 the highest waterfall in the world, the Santo del Angel or Angel Falls in Venezuela. The waterfall is almost 1,000 metres high.
- 5 the Atacama Desert in Chile which is considered to be one of the driest places on earth.

## **Central America**

- 1 There are no street names or street numbers in Nicaragua. Addresses are found by reference to the nearest landmark
- 2 Chocolate was used as currency by the ancient Mayan civilisation
- 3 The Mayas first came up with the mathematical concept of the "0"
- 4 Contrary to its name the Panama hat originates from Ecuador
- 5 Belize is the only country in Central America which has English as its official language.
- All the other countries use Spanish.

