

Adventure Writing: My South American Animal Friend!

Here's what you'll need today:

- Paper
- Pencil
- Crayons or colored pencils
- Pictures or a book about South American animals (optional, but helpful!)
- World map or globe (optional)

Hello Explorer! Today, we're going on an adventure to a fascinating continent called South America! (Optional: Find South America on a map or globe together). South America is home to amazing rainforests, tall mountains, and some really unique animals!

Let's talk about some animals that live there. Have you heard of a bright-billed **toucan**? Or a spotted **jaguar**? Maybe a furry **llama** or a slow-moving **sloth**? There's also the giant rodent called a **capybara**! Which one sounds most interesting to you?

Your Writing Mission:

- 1. Choose Your Animal:** Pick one amazing South American animal you'd like to be your friend for today.
- 2. Think About Your Friend:** What does your animal look like? Is it big or small? What color is it? What does it like to do? Let's think of some describing words!
- 3. Write Your Sentences:** Now, grab your paper and pencil! Let's write 2 or 3 sentences about your animal friend. Remember to start each sentence with a capital letter and end it with a period (.). You can try these sentence starters:
 - My South American animal friend is a _____.
 - It is _____. (Use a describing word like 'colorful', 'fast', 'slow', 'big', 'small', 'spotty')
 - It likes to _____. (What does it do? 'fly', 'climb', 'swim', 'eat leaves')

Example: My South American animal friend is a sloth. It is slow. It likes to climb trees.

- 4. Read Aloud:** Let's read your sentences together! Did you use capital letters and periods?
- 5. Draw Your Friend:** Now, use your crayons or colored pencils to draw a picture of your South American animal friend!

Great job, Adventurer! You used your writing skills to tell me all about a cool animal from South America!