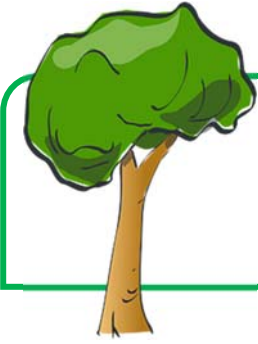


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Directions: Read the passage carefully. Then answer the analysis questions using evidence from the text.

Across South America, environmental challenges continue to shape how people interact with the land. In the Amazon region, large areas of forest are cleared for farming and cattle ranching. This loss of trees reduces habitats for wildlife and affects the climate by limiting how much carbon the forest can absorb. In the Andes, mining operations provide jobs and metals for global industries, but they also create pollution that can harm rivers and soil. Coastal regions face their own problems as rising sea levels and stronger storms threaten towns along the shoreline. Communities throughout the continent are working to balance economic needs with the protection of natural environments, but the solutions remain complex. Many South American countries are exploring new conservation methods, including protected reserves, cleaner technologies, and partnerships with Indigenous groups that have long relied on sustainable practices.

1. What is one major cause of deforestation in the Amazon, based on the passage?
2. How can mining in the Andes create environmental problems?
3. What challenge do coastal areas in South America face?
4. According to the passage, why is it difficult to find solutions to these environmental issues?
5. How do Indigenous groups contribute to conservation efforts?
6. Based on the passage, why is it important for South American countries to balance economic growth with environmental protection?