

## 1 VOCABULARY

- a** What do the letters *WWW* stand for? What do you know about it?
- b** Look at the words below. Which theme are they connected to: rainforest or technology? Write *r* or *t*. Check in a dictionary.

canoe   digital age   online   hut   satellite   selfie   tribe   village

## THE AMAZON GOES ONLINE

**1** It is sometimes surprising to learn of the places that the World Wide Web reaches, and of the different ways people use it in those places. There are tribes in the Amazon who have very little contact with the outside world. This is the strangest place to find people using the internet. But some of them are online, and they are using the Web in the most interesting ways. With the help of charities such as the Amazon Conservation Team (ACT), tribes are getting internet access through satellite equipment and computers, and **they** aren't just posting selfies. Some of them are using the Web to fight against companies that are destroying the forest.

**2** In one project, ACT put the Trio tribe in Suriname online and gave them GPS technology to map their land. At that time, the greatest danger to their rainforest home came from people coming to find gold. Gold mining wasn't allowed there, but those people were able to work without the police knowing. But the tribe knew the forest better than the police. **They** found the mines and the paths leading to them and used GPS to put **them** on the map. In one case, a goldmine was closed as a result.

**3** More recently, in the Xingu Reserve in Brazil, ACT helped the Waura tribe to get connected to the internet. Getting the satellite equipment to the village was a problem. It is hard to imagine a more difficult journey – **it** began with a very long trip by road and then by canoe down the river. But when **it** finally arrived, the villagers had a party with food, music and dancing late into the night. Now, their new digital age technology is sitting inside a traditional wooden hut – a strange mix of new and old.

**4** Some of the Waura are using Facebook to record their traditional way of life for the future. But they are also using the internet to fight against people who are destroying their rainforest, just like the Trio tribe in Suriname. They are using the Web to share information about the large farms which are moving onto their land. By doing **this**, they hope that the government in Brasilia will learn about the problem and do something to help them. Perhaps the internet can help to save the rainforest.





2 READING

- a Read the article on page 50 quickly. Does the writer think the internet is good or bad for people in the Amazon villages?
- b Read the article again and match paragraphs 1–4 with titles a–d below.
- a ☐ A difficult journey
  - b ☐ Amazon tribes on the internet
  - c ☐ Fighting the farmers
  - d ☐ Against the goldmines



BETTER READING: PRONOUN REFERENCE

Good readers need to understand what the pronouns in a text refer to. It is essential to follow the links across the text created by pronouns.

Find the **highlighted** pronouns in the text. What do they refer to?

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| a they (paragraph 1) | d it (paragraph 3, line 5) |
| b They (paragraph 2) | e it (paragraph 3, line 7) |
| c them (paragraph 2) | f this (paragraph 4)       |

- c Find the words below in the text and match them with meanings 1–4.


destroying    government    mine    traditional

- 1 the group of people who run a country \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 damaging, breaking \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 connected with the old, local ways of doing things \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 a place where people take something valuable from deep in the ground \_\_\_\_\_

- d Choose the best endings for the sentences.

- 1 Amazon tribes are starting to go online ...
  - a but they aren't posting selfies.
  - b and they're using the internet to get satellite equipment.
  - c and some of them are using the internet to keep the rainforest safe.
- 2 The people working in the Suriname goldmines ...
  - a didn't want the police to find them.
  - b used GPS technology to map the rainforest.
  - c were in danger from the people of the Trio tribe.
- 3 The digital technology arrived in the Waura village ...
  - a very late at night.
  - b and began a very long journey.
  - c by river.
- 4 The Waura are using the internet ...
  - a to share information with the large farms.
  - b to get help from the government.
  - c to learn about the problems of the rainforest.

3 SPEAKING

- a  Ask and answer the questions with a partner.
- 1 How do *you* use the internet?
  - 2 What are the advantages and disadvantages of the internet?

