
In **Ecuador**, a country on the west coast of **South America**, a girl stood beside her bike with the vast **Pacific Ocean** behind her.
Her heart **pounded** and her hands **trembled** with excitement, though questions filled her head.


... and on ...
... and on.
Night ...
... after night.
Through storms ...
... and sunshine.

Did you spot these animals in the story?



Andean condor

The Andean condor is one of the largest flying birds in the world. With a wingspan of over 3 metres, it's as wide as two 10-year-olds standing with their arms outstretched!



Llama

Llamas are shy, gentle animals that can be very curious. They live in mountainous places and are very intelligent, and can be trained to pull a cart and carry packs.

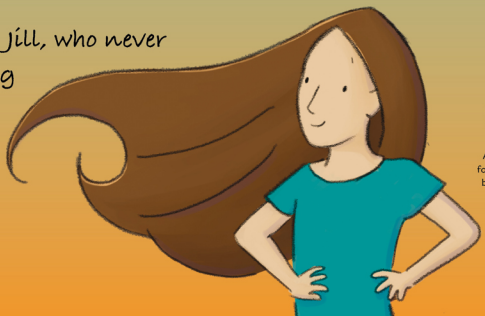


Northern pudú

Pudú are the smallest deer in the world. When fully grown they are only a little taller than the length of your school ruler! They are excellent climbers, strong jumpers and very fast.

"For my Mum, Jill, who never denied me a hug growing up."

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