



Reading plan 4: Molly goes to Rio de Janeiro



These cable cars are awesome. What a beautiful view! Yes, Molly, we have nice view of Copacabana and another beach area called Botafogo.

Wow! You can also see how Rio uses every bit of flat land there is. Buildings and streets are squeezed right between the steep cliffs.

You're right, Michael. There isn't a lot of room. That is one reason for the favelas.

Fah-vell-uhs? What are those?



They are small homes built-often by hand-close together in small spaces. Favelas are, for you Americans, all poor. Some are very poor and some others, like the Vidigal, have hostels, artists and restaurants.



Restaurants? I would like to try some food, Livia!

Tell us about the food. Well, Molly, you have fejoada. It is sometimes called our national dish. It is a stew of beans, beef and pork with some vegetables. And it acai smoothie is so refreshing! What do you have, Livia?

My dish is called brigadeiro. If fejoada is the national dish, I guess this is the national dessert. They are made with condensed milk, chocolate powder, butter, and usually sprinkles or some sort of decorative addition to the outer layer. It is hard to stop eating them!



I have avocado ice cream, right, Livia? Yep! We say abacate for avocado. The abacates in Brazil are huge! ... It's time to catch out our train.

This is the Cristo Redentor or 'Christ the Redeemer. It is one of the new Seven Wonders of the World. The statue was finished in 1931. You said 'cris-two heh-dent-tor' right? It is much bigger than I expected. Yes and the arms stretch nearly as wide as the statue is tall, Molly. We can see nearly all of Rio from the base of the statue.



READING COMPREHENSION

1. Read and match

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| a. Cables cars is in | 1. hotels, restaurants, and artists. |
| b. Fejoada is a | 2. small homes for poor people. |
| c. Fejoada contains | 3. Sugarloaf Mountain. |
| d. Acai is a | 4. national dish of Brazil. |
| e. Cristo Redentor statue was | 5. pork, beans, beef... |
| f. Abacate is | 6. avocado in English. |
| g. Favelas are | 7. Brazilian soft drink. |
| h. Vidigal have | 8. built in 1931 |

2. Write the meaning in Spanish.

Huge	_____	stew	_____	wonder	_____
Awesome	_____	bean	_____	stretch	_____
View	_____	hard	_____	squeezed	_____
Steep cliffs	_____	poor	_____	flat land	_____