

## READING

### An article

- 1  Read the text. Which two places have Mari and Patricio lived in?  
1 A long time ago, humans used to hunt for all their meat.  
2 My dad keeps all our bikes in a small shed in the garden.  
3 I find that very hard to believe. It sounds ridiculous.  
4 In the desert, we met a tribe who lived in tents.  
5 Eliza admits that she made a mistake.  
6 There are lots of interesting animals and plants in the rainforest.
- 2  Look at the words in bold in the text. Use them to complete the sentences.
- 3  Read the text again and circle the correct options.
  - 1 What is writer trying to do in this text?
    - Encourage people to visit Ecuador.
    - Give her opinion of Patricio and Mari's relationship.
    - Show how difficult it is to live in England.
    - Explain why Mari decided to go and live in Ecuador.
  - 2 What does the writer think of Mari's actions?
    - She agrees that they are ridiculous.
    - She admires Mari because she wasn't afraid.
    - She finds it hard to believe.
    - She's amazed by the story of how Mari met Patricio.
  - 3 Patricio went back to Ecuador because he ...
    - found a job building houses.
    - wanted to spend more time with his daughter.
    - didn't like living so far away from his people.
    - couldn't find work in Essex.
  - 4 What does Mari think about her new life?
    - It's not easy for her because everything is different.
    - She misses the life she had in London.
    - It's difficult because she can't catch fish.
    - She would like to go back to her family and business.



## Moving to the jungle

If you had the chance to give up everything to go and live in the Amazon jungle, would you do it? You would certainly have to be very brave, but 52-year-old Mari Muench took the risk.

Her story, which even she describes as 'completely **ridiculous**', started in 2010 when she was on holiday in Ecuador. There she met Patricio, who is a shaman in his **tribe**. Patricio asked Mari to dance and, as they got to know each other, he told her an amazing story. He said that when he was just 15 years old, he had a dream in which he saw her. Mari also felt a very strong attraction to the place. 'Unless I come to live here with Patricio,' she thought, 'I'll never be happy.'

A few months after this first meeting, Mari and Patricio got married! Then, they decided to move to Essex near London where their daughter Samai was born. But Patricio had many doubts about living so far from his community.

So, Patricio moved back to Ecuador and took advantage of the time there to begin making preparations for Mari and Samai's arrival. With help from his tribe, over a period of four months, he cleared a small piece of land in the **rainforest** and built a traditional **hut**, using only materials from the forest, his hands and a lot of hard work.

In 2018, she left her Essex home, her family and her successful go-karting business, as well as all the advantages of modern life for the Ecuadorian jungle. After a two-day journey, they reached Patricio's community. Mari is learning how to **hunt** and fish, eat insects and share her life with her new family. 'It's the hardest thing I've ever done,' she **admits**, but she says she's very happy.

- 4  What do you think life will be like for Mari, Patricio and Samai? Write four sentences.