

1 READING

A **READ FOR GIST** Read Joaquín's email to a cousin in Ecuador that he has never met. Which of these subjects does he mention?

a farm family members his car his university movies sports

Reply Forward

To: Im Stefanny <celin953hansen@blinkett.com>
From: Andrew Beniett <cand.bennett@mymall.org>
Subject: Your Ecuadorian cousin

Hi Stefanny,

I'm writing because I want to get in touch with the Costa side of the family. My Aunt Carmen got your email address from your mom. Aunt Can says you're one of my cousins, and you're about my age – 23. I just finished my degree in Tourism at ESPOL (Escuela Superior Politécnica del Litoral) in Guayaquil. Guayaquil is the biggest city in the Costa region, and I live there with my parents.

I'd like to know about you and what you're interested in. Are you a student, or do you work? What kind of music do you like? Aunt Carmen says you live in Manta. Can you tell me what's the weather like? And is it true that everyone in Manta is really into water sports?

Sorry for all the questions, but this is an unusual situation – we're strangers, but we're also family. 😊

Our side of the family moved to Guayaquil from the Andes a long time ago. They had a **cacao farm** in the Guayas River Valley, and the old house is still there (see attached photo).

Hope to hear from you soon.

Joaquín

B **READ FOR DETAILS** Read again. Answer the questions.

- 1 How did Joaquín hear about Stefanny? _____
- 2 What information does Joaquín give about himself? _____
- 3 What information does he give about his family? _____

C **PAIR WORK** **THINK CRITICALLY** Which of these adjectives describe Joaquín? Explain your ideas.

brave cheerful helpful
nervous selfish sociable



(the old cacao farm house)