

## Activity one: Life in Maria Ribeira

### Curriculum links:

Geography, Science, RE, PSHE, Art and Design, IT, Maths

### Background and preparation:

Please refer to the [information](#) about the community of Maria Ribeira before introducing the information to the class.

For the third section of the worksheet you will need to introduce the concept of currency and the Brazilian Real. (One British Pound is equivalent to approximately three Brazilian Real.)



### Brazil facts:

- Brazil is the biggest country in South America.
- It is the fifth largest country in the world.
- The capital is Brasilia.
- The Amazon is the world's second longest river (the Nile is the longest).
- St Peter's is the first Anglican church to be established in this region of the Amazon.
- Maria Ribeira's community leader, Duca Castro, and his family had the idea of forming St Peter's.

### Maria Ribeira facts:

- The community lives in the Amazon rainforest.
- The community survives by living off the land and fishing from the Amazon river.
- The nearest town, Gurupà, is two and a half hours away by boat.
- There is no doctor or healthcare services in Maria Ribeira.
- There is no electricity, only a generator.
- The Anglican Diocese of the Amazon helped the community obtain two freezers.
- As the community has no electricity, the freezers are installed in Gurupà.
- Fishermen from Maria Ribeira can store the fish they catch during the fishing season. Fish goes bad if it is not eaten soon after it is caught, but if kept frozen it can last for months. This ensures the people have food throughout the year and they can make money by selling what is left over.
- The people of Maria Ribeira are poor. The freezers have made their lives a little easier.

**Activity 1a:**

Imagine you are a child living in Maria Ribeira. Write a letter to say thank you for the new freezers that your community now has. Explain why they are important and how they will help you, your family and the others in your community. Say what you like about your life here in Brazil. Say what you would like to change or improve.

Type your letter and print it out. Find pictures on the Internet to illustrate your letter for a wall display.

**Activity 1b:**

Use the information above to complete the accompanying worksheet.