

Uncontacted Tribes of the World

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Most people in the world live near cities, roads, and the internet. But a few small groups of people live in a very different way. They are called an uncontacted **tribe**. This means the group does not meet people from the outside **world**. They choose to stay by themselves.

One famous example lives on North Sentinel **Island**, a small island in the Indian Ocean. The people there are called the Sentinelese. They **hunt** with bows and spears, just like their families did long ago. No one knows exactly how many people live there — maybe 50, maybe 200.

The government of India made a **law** to **protect** the Sentinelese. Boats cannot go near the island. This keeps the people safe. It also stops sickness from the outside world from reaching them. A cold or flu that is easy for us can be very dangerous for them.

Far away, deep in the Amazon **forest** in South America, there are more tribes like this. A group called FUNAI works to protect them. FUNAI believes more than 100 tribes live hidden in the Amazon forest, and most people have never seen them.

Scientists do not try to **visit** these tribes. They want the tribes to stay safe and **alone**, the way they choose. Today, when people study these tribes, they fly over in a plane and take pictures from far away instead.

A. Vocabulary

1. tribe ____	a. the group of people who run and make rules for a country
2. world ____	b. a large area of land covered with trees
3. island ____	c. to go and see a person or place
4. hunt ____	d. without anyone else near you
5. law ____	e. to chase and catch wild animals for food
6. protect ____	f. to keep someone or something safe from harm
7. forest ____	g. a group of people who live together and share customs
8. visit ____	h. the Earth and all the people living on it
9. alone ____	i. a piece of land surrounded by water
10. government ____	j. a rule made by a government that people must follow

B. True or False

___ 1. An uncontacted tribe chooses not to meet people from the outside world.

___ 2. The Sentinelese live on an island in the Pacific Ocean.

___ 3. The Sentinelese hunt with bows and spears.

__ 4. Scientists know the exact number of people on North Sentinel Island.

__ 5. The government of India made a law to protect the Sentinelese.

__ 6. Boats are allowed to visit North Sentinel Island any time they want.

__ 7. A common cold can be very dangerous for an uncontacted tribe.

___ 8. FUNAI works to protect tribes in the Amazon forest.

__ 9. FUNAI believes fewer than 10 tribes live in the Amazon forest.

__ 10. Scientists usually fly over the forest instead of visiting the tribes.

C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: tribe, island, hunt, protect, law, forest, alone, world

1. The Sentinelese live on a small _____ in the Indian Ocean.
2. People in the tribe _____ with bows and spears.
3. The government made a _____ to keep the Sentinelese safe.
4. More than 100 tribes may live hidden in the Amazon _____.
5. These groups choose to stay _____, away from the outside world.



D. Comprehension Questions

1. What does "uncontacted tribe" mean?
2. Why did the government of India make a law about North Sentinel Island?
3. Why do scientists study tribes from far away instead of visiting them?

E. Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think staying uncontacted is important to these tribes?
2. If you could ask an uncontacted tribe one respectful question, what would it be?



Answer Key

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A. Vocabulary: 1-g, 2-h, 3-i, 4-e, 5-j, 6-f, 7-b, 8-c, 9-d, 10-a

B. True/False: 1-T, 2-F, 3-T, 4-F, 5-T, 6-F, 7-T, 8-T, 9-F, 10-T

C. Fill Blanks: 1-island, 2-hunt, 3-law, 4-forest, 5-alone

D. Comprehension:

1. It means a group of people who choose not to meet people from the outside world.
2. To protect the Sentinelese from danger, including sickness that outsiders could bring.
3. Because they want the tribes to stay safe and alone, the way the tribes choose.

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