



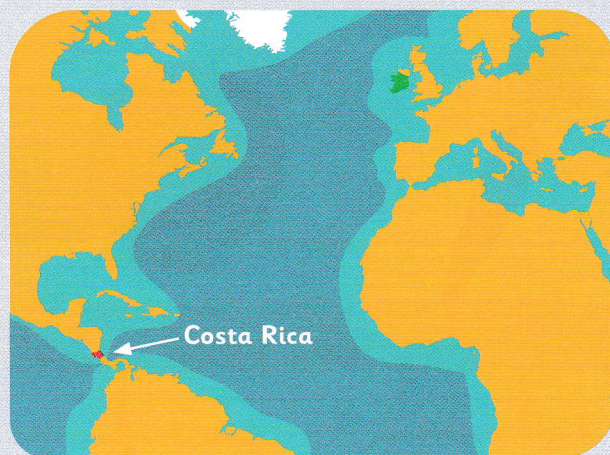
Diego and the Banana Plant

Read about Diego's life on a banana farm.



Hello, my name is Diego. I live on a banana farm in Costa Rica. I help my family on the farm at the weekends. Banana plants can grow up to five metres high. The banana plant is the world's largest herb plant. Farmers use a machete to cut the bananas when they are green and hard.

The bananas are washed and packed into trays to be delivered around the world. It can take up to three weeks for the bananas from our farm to reach shops in Ireland.



True or false? Circle.

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| 1 | Bananas grow in cold countries. | True | False |
| 2 | A cluster of bananas is called a hand. | True | False |
| 3 | Bananas are cut when they are yellow. | True | False |
| 4 | Bananas are full of vitamins. | True | False |
| 5 | Bananas grow on a tree. | True | False |



Over 100 billion bananas are eaten in the world every year. You can peel a banana from the bottom or the top.