

Geography Year 3

Rainforests



Key Facts



- There are two different kinds of rainforest: temperate and tropical
- The Amazon rainforest is tropical. It is in South America and is the largest rainforest on Earth.
- The Amazon River, one of the longest rivers in the world, flows through the Amazon rainforest.
- Climate means what the weather is usually like in a place.
- Tropical rainforests have a warm climate all year round; temperate rainforests have a mild climate. Both kinds of rainforest have a lot of rain.
- Tropical rainforests are found around the Equator; between the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn.
- Rainforests are often called the 'lungs of the planet' as they absorb a lot of carbon dioxide and release a lot of oxygen.
- Rainforests have distinct layers that are home to different animals and plants.
- Many millions of plant and animal species live in the rainforests.
- There are many products made from plants found in the rainforests such as paper, rubber, different foods and medicines.
- There are tribes that live in the rainforests. These tribes are called 'indigenous people'.
- Deforestation means trees are cut down. This can be to make space for farming land.
- Deforestation is a concern in many rainforests because of the impact this can have on the animals and plants that live there.

Geographical Skills



- Ask and answer geographical questions about the physical characteristics of a location.
- Use maps and atlases to locate countries and describe features.
- Name and locate the countries of an area studied and identify some of their main physical and human characteristics.
- Describe geographical similarities and differences between countries.
- Describe key aspects of: physical geography and human geography, including: settlements

Key Vocabulary



- Climate
- Habitat
- Vegetation
- Emergent layer
- Canopy
- Understorey
- Camouflage
- Tropical
- Crown
- Deforestation

