

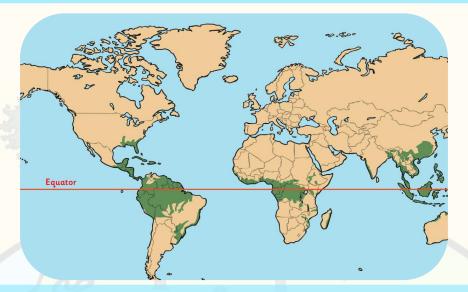
Forest Friends



Tropical rainforests are located around the equator. The weather here is very hot and rainy.

The rain and the heat help many trees and plants to grow. The trees and plants provide a habitat for many animal species.

Tropical rainforests are sometimes called jungles.



Only a very small amount of the worlds land is covered in rainforest, but about half of all plants and animals live here.

Scientists think there might be millions of kinds of plants and animals in the rainforest that have not yet been discovered.

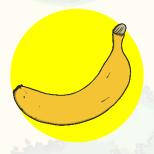
The Amazon is the biggest tropical rainforest. Is it so big that the UK would fit inside it 17 times!

Many tribes of people live in the Amazon that have no contact with the outside world.



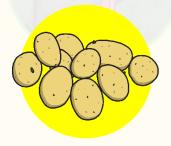
Plants from the rainforest have many different uses. Many fruits and vegetables that we eat, like pineapple, bananas, tomatoes, corn and potatoes, are originally from the rainforest.











Lots of the medicines that we use are made using ingredients found in the rainforest.







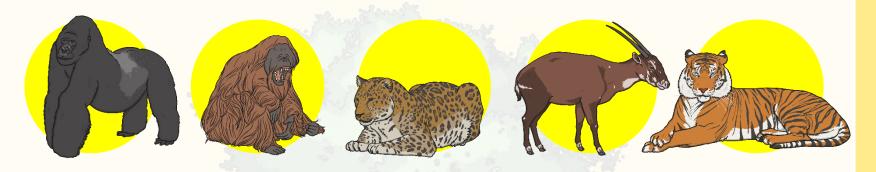
Rainforest trees produce lots of the oxygen we breathe. They clean carbon monoxide and other greenhouse gases from the air.

Rainforests are very important for humans, for the plants and animals that live there, and for the environment too!



The rainforest is under threat from deforestation. This is when people cut down big areas of trees.

People are cutting down the rainforest to make way for farms, homes and roads. People also chop down the trees to use the wood to make furniture and paper.



When the rainforest has been cut down the people and animals that live there lose their habitat. Many species of animal are at risk of extinction because of this.

There are more kinds of animals in the worlds rainforests than anywhere else on Earth! Here are some of them.



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What do all these animals have in common?



Climbing Salamander



Blue Poison Dart Frog



Panama Golden Frog



Suriname Toad



Red Eyed Tree Frog

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What do all these animals have in common?



Black Capped Lorikeet



Harpy Eagle



Blue and Yellow Macaw



Great Hornbill



Malachite Kingfisher

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What do all these animals have in common?



Jaguar



Capybara



Orangutan







Lemur

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What do all these animals have in common?



Caiman



Burmese Python



Madagascar Giant Day Gecko



Komodo Dragon



Emerald Tree Boa

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Sorting Animals



Rainforest Animal Sorting	Rainforest Animal Sorting
Cut out the pictures of rainforest animals and sort them into groups. When you have finished, give each group a label.	
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Forest Food



Here are some of the things we eat that originally came from the rainforest. Imagine all the tasty things that could be growing there, waiting to be discovered!

















Can you name the different rainforest foods?

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