



# South America

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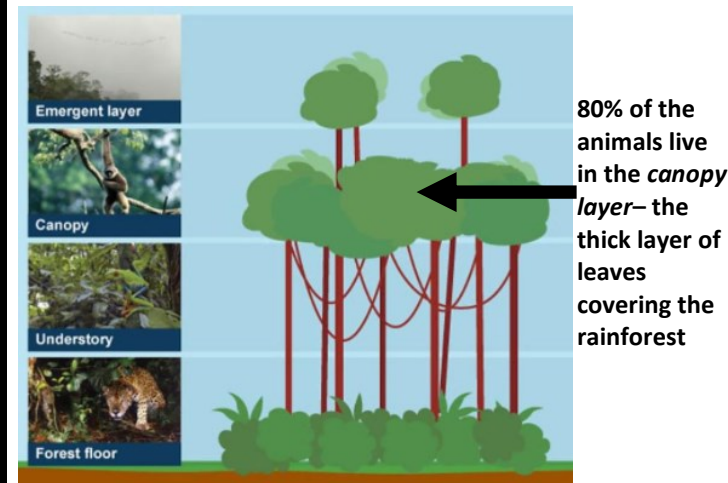
### Vocabulary

Tropical Rainforest	A hot, moist biome that has high levels of rainfall. They can be found near the equator.
Deforestation	Cutting down of forests or groups of trees which is then turned into non-forest use such as farming.
Global Warming	The heating up of the Earth, which in turn is leading to climate change.
Equator	The imaginary great circle around Earth
Tropic of Cancer	Start of the Northern Hemisphere
Tropic of Capricorn	Start of the Southern Hemisphere



### The Amazon: Tropical Rainforest Biome

#### The four layers of a tropical rainforest:



- The Amazon, located in Brazil, is the world's largest tropical rainforest.
- The Amazon rainforest is inhabited by plants, animals and humans.
- We get many items of food such as coffee, bananas, black pepper and cocoa (beans used to make chocolate) from the Amazon rainforest.

### Similarities sand Differences:

#### Preston and Minaus

Both are cities: Preston (UK) Minaus (Brazil)  
 They both have a river running through them  
 Preston—The River Ribble  
 Manaus— The Negro River  
 They have different biomes:  
 Preston—temperate deciduous forest  
 Minaus—Tropical Rainforest

### Deforestation:

What is it doing to our world?

Deforestation is destroying the habitats of many animals leading to their death and possible extinction.  
 Deforestation is one reason for global warming, which is having a devastating impact on our planet –flooding, shrinking sea ice, changing seasons and rising sea levels.

**DANGER: big businesses and farming are changing the nature of the rainforest and the local populations. The sheer size of the rainforest means that what is happening is having an effect upon the rest of the world.**