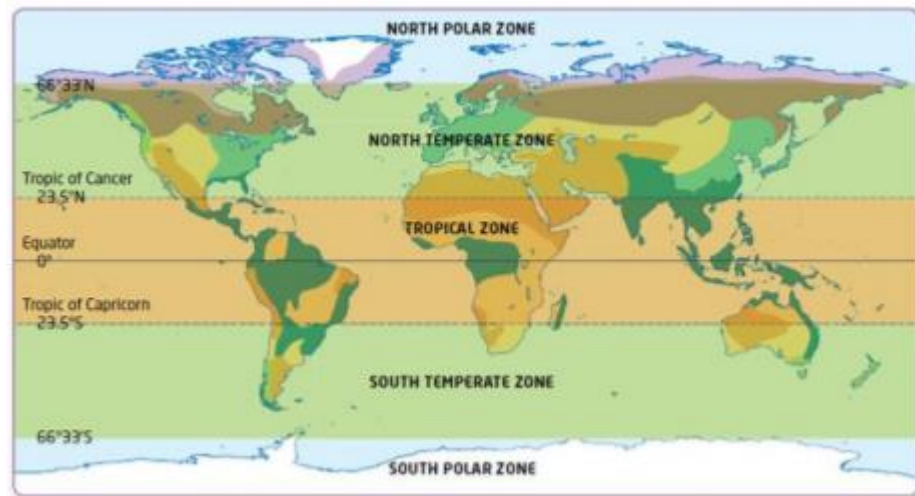


Key Vocabulary

rainforest	Tropical woodland, found typically in hot climate areas with consistently heavy rainfall
biome	A large, naturally occurring community of flora and fauna occupying a major habitat e.g. forest or tundra
ecosystem	all the plants and animals that live in a particular area together with the complex relationship that exists between them and their environment
climate	The weather conditions in an area over a period of time
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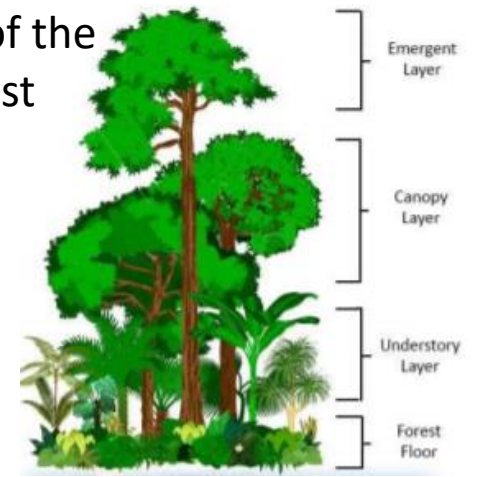
Y6 T4: The Amazon

Key Vocabulary

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carbon emissions	a unit that measures the carbon dioxide equivalent that may be released from the chosen human activity
basin	A river basin is an area of land drained by a river and its tributaries
habitat	The natural home or environment of an animal, plant or other organism
natural resources	Minerals that occur in nature which can be used for economic gain



Layers of the rainforest



<i>Emergent Layer</i>	Giant trees that enjoy the most sun but high winds & cold.
<i>Canopy</i>	Dense layer of trees overlapping each other. Home to most animals in rainforests.
<i>Understory</i>	Relatively dark, open area below the canopy.
<i>Undergrowth</i>	Also known as the forest floor, mainly consisting of fallen leaves, fruit etc. that decomposes as food for trees.

Where is the Amazon rainforest?

Reasons for Deforestation

Palm oil - produced in trees in the Amazon and used in salad dressings, washing powder and fuels.

Cattle ranches- around 10 million cattle in the Amazon region. Raised for consumption by humans.

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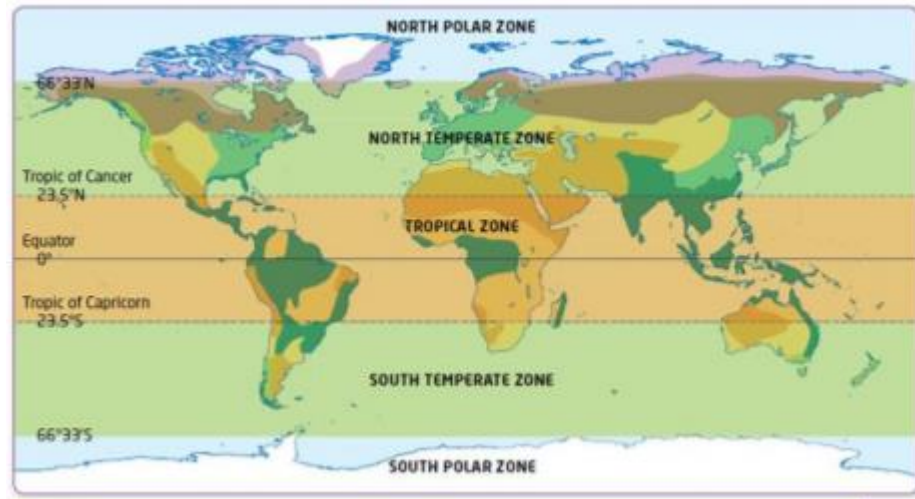
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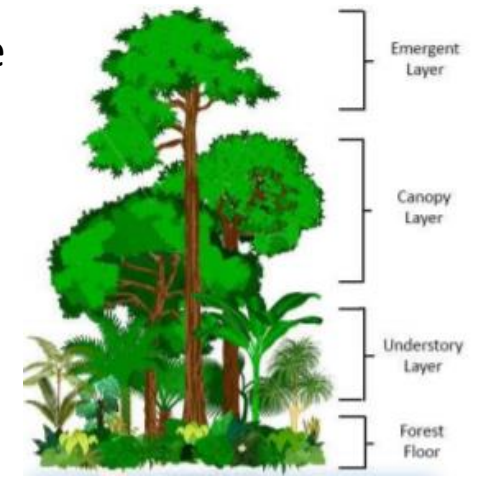


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	and drained by
	a social division in a traditional society consisting of families or communities linked by social, economic, religious, or blood ties, with a common culture and dialect, typically having a recognized leader
	environment of an organism
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