



Year 3

Rainforests

Should they be saved?

Let's go...

A journey swamped by the jungle's beauty and different cultural influences.....



Key Vocabulary

continent: any of the world's main continuous expanses of land.

equator: an imaginary circle running round the centre of the earth.

habitat: the natural environment for plants, animals or other living organisms, providing food, water and shelter.

Where in the World?

The map below shows the location of tropical rainforests around the world:



Key Knowledge:

Rainforests are found near to the **equator** between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn.

They can be found in every **continent** except Antarctica.

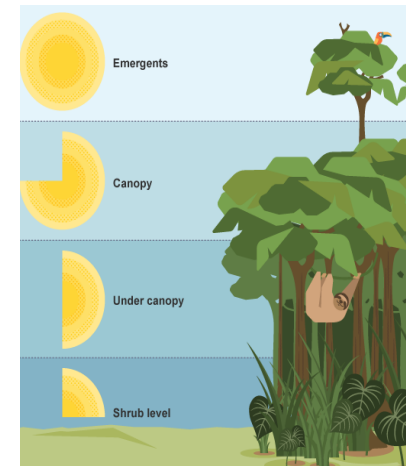
They are located in countries such as **Malaysia**, Brazil, India, Mexico, Peru and Australia.

Climate: The long-term pattern of the weather in a particular area. The climate in the rainforest is the same all year round (on average 27 degrees centigrade).

- Average rainfall of 25cm each month
- Usually rains every day
- Hot and humid

In the Rainforest

The diagram below shows the complex ecosystem of the rainforest.





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Key Vocabulary and Knowledge:

humid: feeling very damp due to water vapour in the air.

weather: The specific condition on a given day.

native tribes: The original settlers of an area.

species: A group of similar plants, insects or animals.

rainforest: a tropical forest, usually of tall, densely growing, broad-leaved evergreen trees in an area of high annual rainfall (of at least 250cm).

Primary **Layers** of a tropical rainforest:

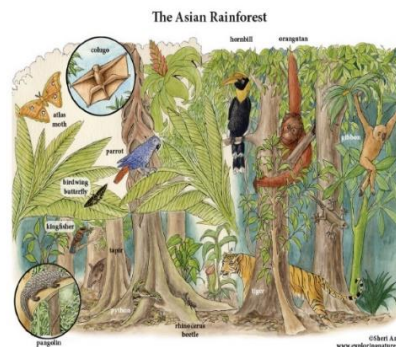
1. **emergent** Layer
2. **canopy** Layers
3. **understory** Layer
4. **shrub** Layer
5. **forest Floor**

deforestation: (also known as forest clearance) is the action of clearing a wide area of trees.

The land is converted to non-forest use; (for example, creating fields for farming animals and growing crops, producing timber and wood pulp or creating space for housing).

Let's find out...

The rainforest layers provide habitats for a wide range of amazing creatures.



Suggested Activities:

- Do we have rainforests in the UK? Why?
- Can you find the **equator**?
- Name the **continents** where you will find rainforests.
- Find 3 facts about **tropical rainforests**.
- Draw a picture of a **creature** that lives in a tropical rainforest.
- Some animal and plant species are endangered due to **deforestation**.
- Design a poster to warn people about the negative impact of deforestation.
- What can be done to **protect** rainforests?