Rainforest Explorer Fact-File

Learning objective: To identify the characteristics, layers, and importance of tropical rainforests.

Join Finn the dolphin as he travels to the coast of a tropical rainforest! Use your geography knowledge to complete this fact-file. Fill in each section with clear descriptions and use the word bank to help you with your spelling.

Word bank: canopy · biodiversity · emergent · understorey · equator · precipitation · deforestation · humidity

1. Location: Where in the world are tropical rainforests usually found? Mention the equator in your answer. (2 marks)

2. Climate: Describe the weather in a rainforest. What is it like in terms of temperature and rain? (3 marks)

3. The Forest Layers: Explain the difference between the canopy layer and the forest floor. (4 marks)

4. Amazing Adaptations: Choose one rainforest animal or plant. How does it survive in this environment? (3 marks)

5. Why Rainforests Matter: Why are rainforests important for the rest of the planet? (3 marks)

6. Threats to the Forest: What is deforestation, and why is it a problem for the animals living there? (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Can you research and list three different countries that contain tropical rainforests?