

Exploring Rainforests

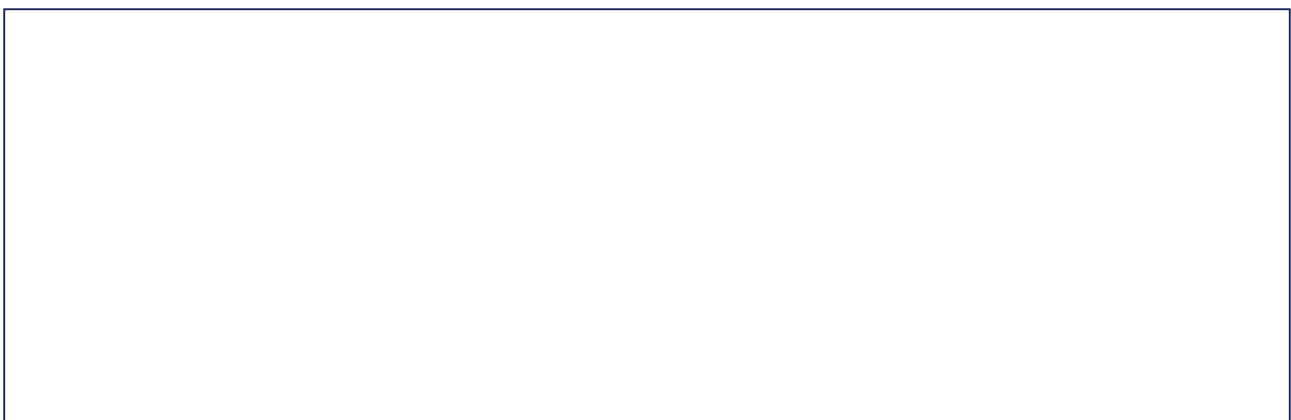
Learning objective: To understand the characteristics and importance of rainforests, and to be able to describe the different layers of a rainforest.

Read each question carefully and choose the correct answer. You can use the word bank to help you.

Word bank: tropical · temperate · biodiversity · deciduous · coniferous · rainforest · ecosystem · atmosphere

1. What is the main reason why rainforests are often found near the equator? (1 mark)
2. What word describes the variety of plants and animals that live in a rainforest? (1 mark)
3. Which layer of a rainforest has the highest amount of sunlight and is home to many birds and insects? (1 mark)
4. Why are rainforests important for our atmosphere? (2 marks)
5. What percentage of the world's fresh water is found in rainforests? (1 mark)
6. What type of tree is often found in rainforests that has broad leaves that fall off in autumn? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a simple diagram of the different layers of a rainforest. Label each layer and include the types of plants and animals that live there.



Extension challenge: Research and write about a famous rainforest in the world. What are some of its unique features and how do people protect it?