

Exploring Tropical Rainforests

Join Finn the Dolphin on a journey to the world's lushest jungles!

- Rainforests are found near the Equator, where the weather is hot and humid all year round.
- The Emergent Layer is the very top of the forest, where the tallest trees poke through the canopy to reach the sunlight.
- The Canopy acts like a thick green umbrella, blocking most of the sunlight and rain from reaching the ground below.
- The Understory is a dark, damp area with large-leaved plants that have adapted to survive with very little light.
- The Forest Floor is the bottom layer, where decomposers like fungi break down fallen leaves to feed the soil.
- Rainforests are home to more than half of the world's plant and animal species, creating incredible biodiversity.

Did you know? Did you know? Rainforests are often called the 'lungs of the planet' because the millions of trees they contain absorb carbon dioxide and release the oxygen that we breathe!

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