

Exploring the Rainforest: A Geography Report

Learning objective: To write a non-chronological report about the features and climate of a tropical rainforest.

Use this writing frame to help you organise your research about rainforests. Finn the dolphin has shared his map of the world's rainforests to help you get started. Write in full sentences and use the word bank to add detail.

Tropical rainforests are fascinating, lush environments located near the Equator where the climate remains warm and wet all year round.

Word bank: furthermore · consequently · in addition · canopy layer · humid · precipitation · biodiversity · indigenous · on the other hand · due to

1. Introduction: Define what a rainforest is and describe its general location on Earth. Start with: 'A tropical rainforest is a dense forest...' (2 marks)

2. The Layers of the Rainforest: Explain the four different layers (emergent, canopy, understory, and forest floor). Start with: 'The rainforest is divided into distinct layers, each hosting different...' (3 marks)

3. Climate and Weather: Describe the typical rainfall and temperature in these areas. Start with: 'Due to the location of the rainforest, the climate is...' (2 marks)

4. Flora and Fauna: Give examples of plants and animals that live there and how they have adapted. Start with: 'The biodiversity in the rainforest is incredible because...' (3 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise why rainforests are important to the planet. Start with: 'In conclusion, rainforests are vital to our world because...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research one specific threat to the rainforest, such as deforestation. Write a short paragraph explaining how this impacts the local environment and the animals that live there.