

Finn the Dolphin's Rainforest Expedition

Dive into the Canopy: Discover the Secrets of the World's Rainforests!

- The Emergent Layer is the very top level of the rainforest, where the tallest trees poke out above the rest to reach the most sunlight.
- The Canopy acts like a thick roof made of branches and leaves, blocking most sunlight from reaching the lower levels of the forest.
- The Understorey is a dark, humid environment located beneath the canopy, home to many insects and smaller animals that thrive in the shade.
- The Forest Floor is the ground level, which receives very little light and is covered in decomposing leaves and forest debris.
- Most of the world's rainforests are found near the Equator, where the climate is warm and wet all year round, allowing plants to grow rapidly.
- Rainforests support incredible biodiversity, meaning they provide a home for more than half of all the plant and animal species on Earth.

Did you know? Did you know that rainforests are often called the 'lungs of the planet'? This is because the millions of trees found there absorb carbon dioxide and release life-giving oxygen into the atmosphere, helping to keep our Earth healthy!

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