

Exploring Rainforests with Finn the Dolphin

Learning objective: To identify the features of a rainforest and explain why they are important to our world.

Read each question carefully. Use the word bank to help you spell tricky words. Write your answers in the boxes provided.

Finn the dolphin has been travelling up large rivers to visit the rainforest. A rainforest is a place with lots of rain and tall trees. It is very warm all year round. The trees grow so close together that they form a thick roof called the canopy. Many unique plants and animals live here. The rainforest helps to keep our planet healthy by cleaning the air we breathe.

Word bank: Equator · Canopy · Oxygen · Humidity · Tropical · Understory · Medicine · Climate

1. 1. Rainforests are usually found near the middle of the Earth. What is this imaginary line called? (2 marks)

2. 2. Look at the word bank. Which word describes the 'roof' of the rainforest where most animals live? (2 marks)

3. 3. Name two things that rainforests provide for people or the planet. (4 marks)

4. 4. Why is the rainforest 'climate' described as tropical? (Hint: Think about the weather). (4 marks)

5. 5. Why do you think it is important to protect the rainforest? Write three sentences. Start with: 'It is important to protect the rainforest because...' (8 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a tall rainforest tree. Label the 'Canopy' at the top and the 'Forest Floor' at the bottom.



Extension challenge: Finn wants to know: If a scientist needs to travel to the rainforest, the trip costs £500 for a boat and £200 for equipment. How much does it cost in total? Show your working. Total: /25