

Exploring the Rainforest with Finn

Learning objective: To identify and draw the different layers of a tropical rainforest.

Finn the dolphin is exploring a river that flows through a rainforest. Use your coloured pencils to draw the layers of the rainforest. Follow the steps below to label your picture.

Draw: Draw a large, colourful scene showing the four layers of a rainforest. Start with a tall tree in the centre. Use bright green for the leaves in the canopy. Add a blue river at the bottom of the page. Make sure the forest floor looks dark and damp, and the top of the tree looks bright and sunny.



Label words: Emergent Layer · Canopy · Understorey · Forest Floor · River

Steps:

1. Step 1: Draw a very tall tree reaching towards the sun. Label the very top of this tree the 'Emergent Layer'.
2. Step 2: Draw a thick umbrella of leaves below the top layer. Label this the 'Canopy'.
3. Step 3: Draw some small plants in the shade. Label this the 'Understorey'.
4. Step 4: Draw a river at the bottom of your page. Label the ground next to the water the 'Forest Floor'.