

Exploring the Rainforest with Finn the Dolphin

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

Hello explorer! Finn the Dolphin wants to learn about the rainforest. Use the word bank to help you fill in the fact-file boxes below. Use short sentences to describe what you see in each layer.

Word bank: Emergent · Canopy · Understory · Forest floor · Trees · Rain · Sunlight · Animals

1. The Emergent Layer: This is the very top of the rainforest. What is it like up here? (2 marks)

2. The Canopy Layer: This layer is like a big green roof. Which living things might you find here? (2 marks)

3. The Understory Layer: It is quite dark here because the leaves block the light. How would you describe the air? (2 marks)

4. The Forest Floor: This is the bottom layer. What can you find on the ground? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Choose one animal that lives in the rainforest. Write one sentence about why it likes living in its chosen layer.