Rainforest Explorers with Finn

Learning objective: To identify the location of rainforests and understand the layers of the rainforest habitat.

Read each question carefully and use your geography knowledge to answer. Remember to use full sentences where possible.

Finn the dolphin has been busy mapping the world's geography! He wants you to help him understand the amazing rainforests found near the Equator. Use your knowledge of geography to answer the questions below.

Word bank: Equator · Canopy · Emergent · Understory · Forest floor · Tropical · Humidity · Climate

1. Finn is looking at a map. Rainforests are usually found in a belt around the middle of the Earth. What is the name of this imaginary line? (1 mark)

2. Name the four layers of the rainforest, starting from the very top and moving down to the ground. (4 marks)

3. Why do you think it is so important for rainforests to have high levels of rainfall throughout the year? (2 marks)

4. If you were standing on the forest floor, why would it be difficult to see the sun? (2 marks)

5. Finn wants to buy some sustainable rainforest products. If a bag of cocoa beans costs £4.50 and a jar of honey costs £3.25, how much would he spend in total? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a cross-section of a rainforest. Label each of the four layers and draw one animal that might live in each layer.

Extension challenge: Research one animal that lives in the canopy layer. Write two sentences explaining how its body is adapted to live high up in the trees.