

**Key Vocabulary**

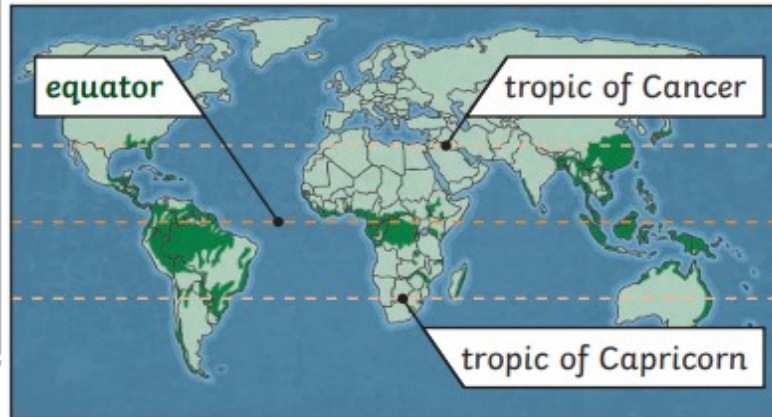
<b>climate</b>	The average <b>weather</b> conditions over a long period of time.
<b>deforestation</b>	The cutting down and clearing of forests.
<b>equator</b>	An imaginary circle running round the centre of the earth.
<b>humid</b>	Feeling very damp due to water vapour in the air.
<b>native tribes</b>	The original settlers of an area.
<b>species</b>	A group of similar animals or plants
<b>weather</b>	The specific condition on a given day.

**Where in the World?**

Rainforests are found near to the **equator** between the tropic of Cancer and the tropic of Capricorn.

They can be found in every continent except Antarctica.

They are located in countries such as Brazil, India, Peru, Mexico, Australia and Malaysia.



**Layers of the Rainforest**

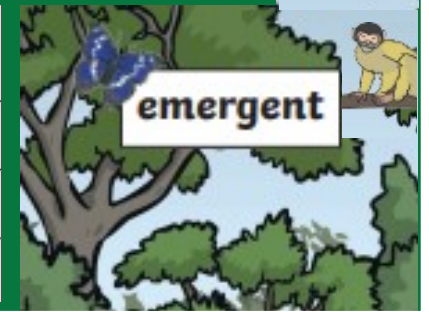


Trees can be up to 60m tall

Lots of sunlight

Cold and windy

Birds, bats, monkeys and butterflies



**emergent**

Trees form a roof over the plants below

Lots of sunlight but also plenty of rain

Lots of food for animals

Snakes, toucans and tree frogs



**canopy**

Trees grow to less than 4m tall

Very little sunlight

Warm and **humid**

Lots of insects



**understory**

Very few plants

Almost no sunlight

Leaves and debris decompose quickly

Gorillas, anteaters, leopards and tigers



**forest floor**

**Climate**

The **climate** in the rainforest is the same all year round.

- Average rainfall of 6cm each month
- Usually rains every day
- Hot and **humid**

**The Amazon Rainforest**

- 5.5 million square km (previously covered a much larger area)
- Parts in Brazil, Peru, Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Bolivia, Guyana, Suriname and French Guiana
- 2.5 million insect **species**
- 40 000+ plant **species**
- 3 000 edible fruits
- 2 000+ **species** of birds and mammals



- 2 million tourists per year
- 170 different languages spoken
- 250 000 **native tribes** currently live there



**Deforestation**

Trees are cut down:

- to create fields for farming cattle and growing crops,
- to produce timber and wood pulp to make furniture and paper,
- to create space for housing.