

What is a tropical rainforests? Where are they located?


A rainforest is a very dense, warm and wet forest with a tropical climate. They are habitats for millions of different animals and plants.



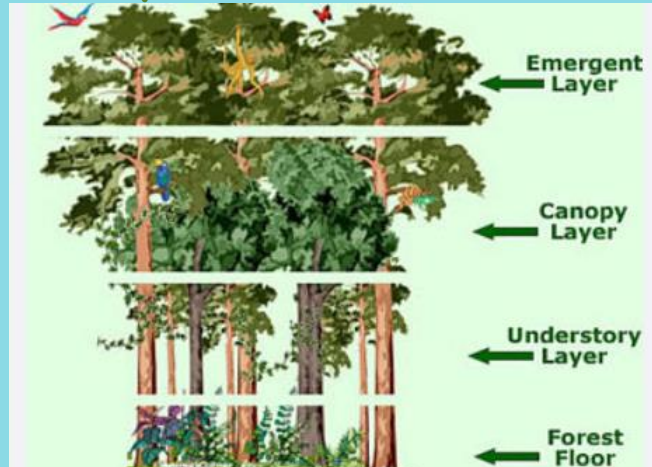
Where is the Amazon rainforest located?

The Amazon rainforest is the largest tropical rainforest in the world. It is found in the continent of South America and spreads across nine countries.



Key Vocabulary	
Tropical	Somewhere that is warm all year round, but which has rainy seasons.
Climate	The average weather conditions over a long period of time.
Canopy	The top layer of branches and leaves in a rainforest.
Layers	A section of something.
Emergent 	The layer of tallest trees in the rainforest. Some can reach 70 metres tall.
Understory 	A layer full of leafy bushes and small trees entwined with vines. It is dark and hot there.
Forest floor	Covered with dead leaves. This layer is dim and shady.
Equator	An imaginary circle around the Earth which divides it into two equal parts.
Deforestation	The act or process of cutting down the trees of a forest.
Palm oil 	Oil from palm trees.
Tropic of Cancer	An imaginary line 23 degrees north of the equator.
Tropic of Capricorn	An imaginary line 23 degrees south of the equator.

## Layers of a rainforest.



## Which animals live in the Amazon rainforest?



## What is the climate in the Amazon rainforest like?

As tropical rainforests are found along the equator, the climate is very humid (damp). There is heavy rainfall and the temperatures are high as the sun is overhead.



## Who lives in the Amazon rainforest?

There are estimated to be over 400 indigenous tribes such as the Yanomamo and Kayapo living in the Amazon today. Each tribe is unique with its own different traditions.

