

Knowledge Organiser - Amazon Rainforest

The Amazon Rainforest is a large tropical rainforest in South America, mostly in Brazil. It is hot and wet all year round and is home to a huge variety of plants and animals. Many animals in the Amazon, like jaguars, sloths, and toucans, cannot be found anywhere else in the world. The rainforest has different layers, including the emergent layer, canopy, understory and forest floor. Trees in the Amazon can grow very tall, and their thick leaves create shelter for animals below. The Amazon River flows through the rainforest and provides water for the plants, animals, and people who live there. Some Indigenous communities have lived in the rainforest for thousands of years, using the plants and land carefully to survive. The Amazon is sometimes called the “lungs of the Earth” because it helps to clean the air and make oxygen. But today, parts of the rainforest are being cut down to make space for farms, roads, and buildings. This is called deforestation and it can harm wildlife, pollute the river, and affect the world’s climate. It is important to protect the Amazon so that it stays healthy for the future.



What should I already know?

The world has different continents and countries, including South America.

- Rainforests are a type of habitat found in hot, wet places near the equator.
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- Animals and plants live in different habitats that meet their needs.

Key Vocabulary

1	Rainforest	A hot, wet forest with lots of trees.
2	Amazonia	The area where the Amazon Rainforest is found.
3	Emergent	The area where the Amazon Rainforest is found.
4	Canopy	The thick top layer of trees.
5	Understory	A darker layer under the canopy.
6	Climate	A darker layer under the canopy.
7	Tribe	A group of people with the same culture and way of life.
8	Traditions	A special ways of doing things passed down over time.
9	indigenous	People who were the first to live in a place.
10	Deforestation	Cutting down too many trees

Did you know?

The Amazon Rainforest is so big it covers around 5.5 million square kilometres — that’s about 25 times the size of the UK! It is home to more than 10 million different species of animals, plants, and insects. Scientists believe there are still thousands of species in the rainforest that haven’t even been discovered yet. Some plants found in the Amazon are used to make medicine, and over 400 billion trees grow there!

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