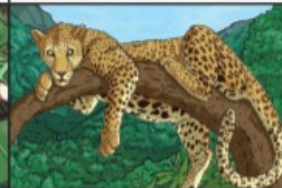


Year 3: Rainforests

Key Vocabulary

climate	The average weather conditions over a long period of time.
deforestation	The cutting down and clearing of forests
equator	An imaginary circle running round the centre of the earth.
humid	Feeling very damp due to water vapour in the air.
native tribes	The original settlers of an area.
species	A group of similar animals or plants
Tropic of Cancer	An imaginary line that runs north of the equator and marks the northern edge of the tropics.
Tropic of Capricorn	An imaginary line that runs south of the equator and marks the southern edge of the tropics.
weather	The specific condition on a given day.

What is it like in the rainforest?

Emergent Layer	Canopy Layer	Understory Layer	Forest Floor
			
Trees can be up to 60m tall	Trees form a roof over the plants below	Trees grow to less than 4m tall	Very few plants
Lots of sunlight	Lots of sunlight but also plenty of rain	Very little sunlight	Almost no sunlight
Cold and windy	Lots of food for animals	Warm and humid	Leaves and debris decompose quickly
Birds, bats, monkeys and butterflies	Snakes, toucans and tree frogs	Lots of insects	Gorillas, anteaters, leopards and tigers
			

What is the climate like?

The climate in the rainforest is the same all year.

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

How is it being destroyed?

Trees are cut down:

- to create fields for farming cattle and growing crops
- to produce timber (wood) and pulp for paper
- to create space for housing

Where are rainforests located?

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.

