



# Week 4

## Learning Overview

	<b>Active Reading 5</b>
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**The following slides provide information for our Active Reading 5 sessions. These are comprehension based sessions which last roughly 20 minutes each day. Every day there is a different focus using the text provided. Children should write responses to these questions in their books.**



# Focus text: Rainforests

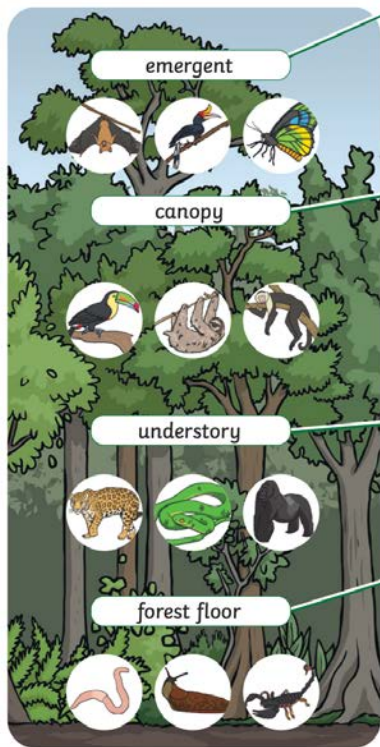
## Rainforests

### What is a Rainforest?

Rainforests are large forests that have tall trees, warm weather and lots of different species of animals living there. They are called rainforests because they get lots of rain. They are found in hot places such as Africa, Asia and Australia. The largest rainforest is called the Amazon in South America, which reaches over many countries, but is mostly in Brazil.

### Parts of a Rainforest

A rainforest is made up of different layers (parts).



**The emergent layer** - At the top is the emergent layer, also known as the sunlit zone. This layer has the tallest trees and is sunny, wet and windy. Only a few animals live here such as bats, birds and butterflies.

**The canopy** - This where the branches and leaves of the trees are so close together that they touch and join up to form a kind of umbrella. This is home to most of the animals and plants of the rainforest such as toucans, sloths, howler monkeys and fig trees.

**The understory** - This layer is found under the canopy. It does not get much sunlight. The understory is home to animals such as jaguars, gorillas, elephants and snakes.

**The forest floor** - Here it is dark and humid (damp and hot). Very little sun reaches the forest floor as the leaves of the canopy block the sunlight. The smaller animals live here, such as slugs, scorpions and worms.

### Animals and Wildlife

There are so many different animals, insects and plants found in the rainforests, that some have not yet been discovered!

Over  $\frac{3}{4}$  of life in the rainforest can be found in the canopy where it is hot and dry and there is plenty of food and shelter. Here the animals and reptiles move around by flying, jumping and swinging on the vines.



### Did You Know...?

- Rainforests get at least 200cm of rain every year and sometimes more!
- $\frac{1}{2}$  of the plants and animals of the world live in rainforests.
- Rainforests produce oxygen that we need to breathe.
- About  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the medicines we use come from plants in the rainforest.
- We get many things from rainforests, such as bananas, chocolate, nuts, coffee and rubber.



**There is more reading this week.  
Don't worry if you need extra help.**



**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

## **Text and Talk**

1. Read the text and write down all the words that are new to you.

Use a dictionary (or the internet!) to write the meaning of the word next to it.

e.g. **Enormous = Very large in size**

2. Write down all the words you can see in the text that are:

- **Adjectives**
- **Nouns**
- **Verbs**
- **Conjunctions**

3. Write down the type of text this is.

e.g. **Story, Newspaper Article, Poem, Fact File, Non-Fiction...**



Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020

## Retrieval

Write down the answers to these questions in your book:

1. How did the rainforest get its name 'rainforest'?
2. Name the four layers (parts) of the rainforest
3. What is the name of the largest rainforest?
4. How many quarters of life in the rainforest can be found in the canopy?
5. Which of these places are rainforests NOT found?
  - a) Africa
  - b) Antarctica
  - c) Asia
  - d) Australia
6. True or false the understory is found above the canopy...



Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020

## Inference and deduction

Write down the answers to these questions in your book:

1. Why would the **emergent layer** also be known as the **sunlit zone**?
2. Why would the canopy be describe as 'a kind of **umbrella**'?
3. Why would the **forest floor** be darker and more humid than the **emergent layer**?
4. Why aren't rainforests found in cold climates?



Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Structure and grammar

Write down the answers to these questions in your book:

1. Find 3 examples of sub-headings.
2. What is the sub-heading for the section with additional facts?
3. In the **Did You Know...?** section there is one bullet point that uses commas. Can you find and copy it.
4. Can you find and copy three sentences which use conjunctions?





Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020

## Points of view

Create a poster to show the importance of protecting the rainforest and it's wildlife.

