

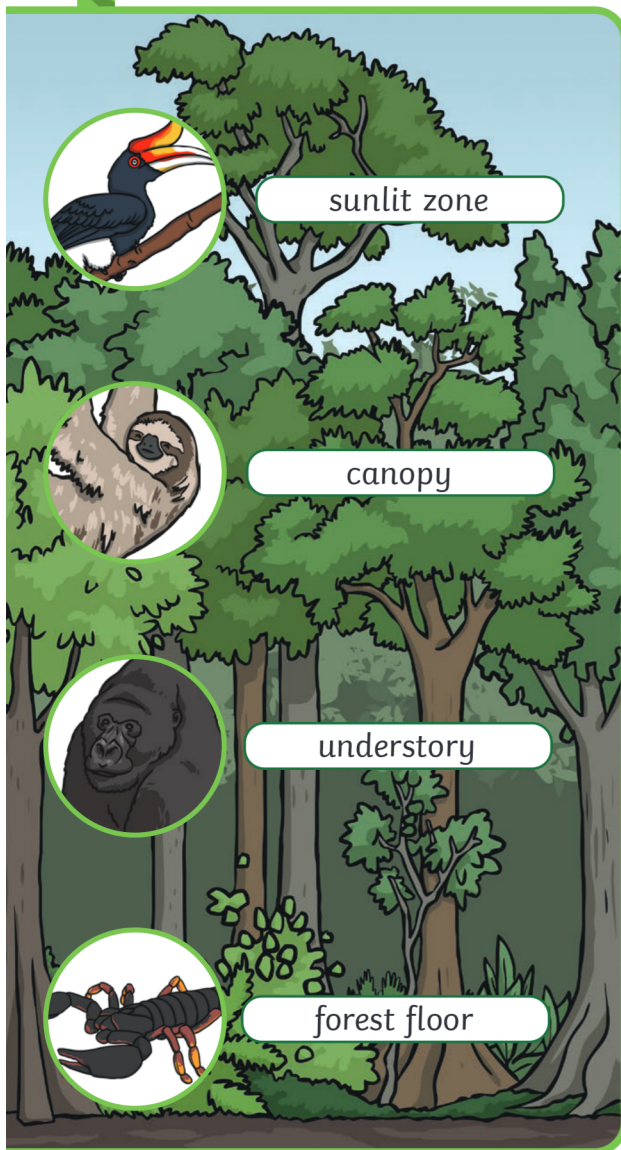
# Rainforests

## What Is a Rainforest?

Rainforests are a type of forest that have tall trees, warm weather and lots of rain. They are found in hot places such as Africa and Australia. The largest rainforest is called the Amazon in South America.

## Parts of a Rainforest

A rainforest is made up of different layers or parts.



sunlit zone

canopy

understory

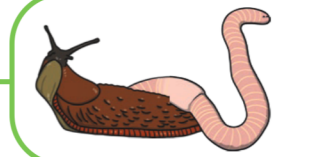
forest floor

The **sunlit zone** has the most sunlight and tallest trees. It is hot, wet and windy up here.

The **canopy** is where the branches of the trees join together. They form a kind of umbrella.

The **understory** is under the canopy. There is not much sunlight here.

The **forest floor** is dark, damp and hot. Very little sun reaches the ground as the leaves of the canopy block the sunlight.



## Animals and Wildlife

Rainforests are full of lots of different kinds of animals and wildlife. There are so many animals, that some have not yet been discovered!

### Did You Know...?

- Rainforests get at least 200cm of rain every year.



- Rainforests give us oxygen that we need to breathe.



- We get many things from rainforests such as bananas, chocolate, nuts, coffee and rubber.

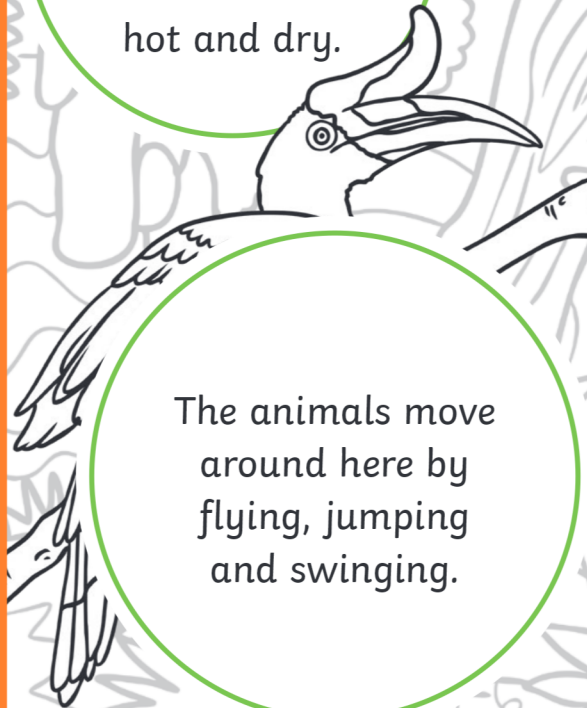
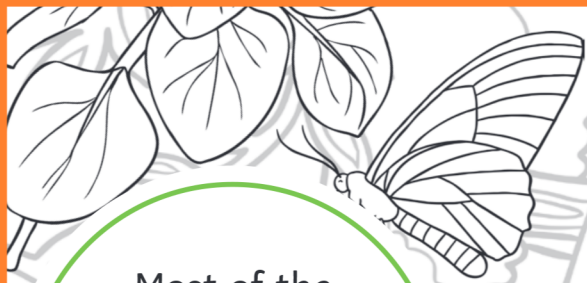


- Many of the medicines we use come from plants in the rainforest.

Most of the creatures live in the canopy where it is hot and dry.

The animals move around here by flying, jumping and swinging.

Red-eyed tree frogs, sloths and toucans are some of the animals that live here.



# Questions

1. In which hot places are rainforests found? Tick **two**.

- ☐ Africa
- ☐ Antarctica
- ☐ Australia

2. Rainforests produce oxygen. Why do we need this? Tick one.

- ☐ for eating
- ☐ for breathing
- ☐ for medicines

3. A rainforest is made up of different layers.

Draw **four** lines to match each layer to its description.

sunlit zone •

• This layer is under the canopy.  
There is not much sunlight here.

canopy •

• This layer has the most  
sunlight and tallest trees.

understory •

• Here it is dark, damp and hot and  
very little sun reaches the ground.

forest floor •

• The branches join together here to  
form a kind of umbrella.

4. In which part of the rainforest do most of the animals live?

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5. Find and copy one word that describes how the animals move around the canopy.

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