

Rainforests

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species	trees	ground	understory	roof	rainfall

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Most rainforests are found on or near the equator. For this reason, they are hot and very humid places.

Rainforests have four main _____. The first layer is the _____. Very little _____ reaches the forest floor and so not many plants grow in this dark place. It is home to the larger rainforest animals as well as many insects. Above the forest floor is the _____. Shrubs, bushes and younger trees occupy this layer. The understory is also a dark place.

The canopy layer acts as a _____ over the understory and forest floor layers. Plants grow on the thick branches and climbing plants wrap around them, creating a maze of leaves and branches. Animals that live in the canopy include _____, birds, sloths and lizards. Some of the animals that live in the canopy never need to touch the _____!

At the top is the _____ layer. The very tallest of the _____ are found in this layer. The trees up here receive the most sunlight but must deal with very high temperatures and often high winds.

An abundance of plants grows in rainforests due to the high amount of sunlight and water they receive.

Rainforests also provides a lot of shelter for plants and animals.



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