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Year 4 Geography
The Rainforest



Vocabulary

Deforestation

Ecosystem

Endangered

Extinction

Indigenous

Biodiversity

The cutting, clearing and removal of a large area of trees.

A community of plants and animals that depend on each other to survive.

A species that has been categorised as very likely to become extinct.

The extinction of a species of animal or plant is the death of all of its remaining living members.

Indigenous people or things belong to a country in which they are found.

Variety of plant and animal life in a particular habitat, a high level of which is usually considered to be important.

Diagrams South East Asian Rainforests Greenland North tlantic Central American Rainforests Australasian Pacific Ocean Amazon Rainforest South America Americ New Congo River Basin Rainforest Zealand Madagascar Rainforest Tropical Rainforests of the world

Key Facts

- 1. Same scientists think there are at least 40,000 plant species, 3,000 types of fish, 1,300 bird species, 430 mammals, and a staggering 2.5 million different kinds of insects in the rainforest.
- 2. There are about 50 tribes of native people who have not made contact with civilization.
- 3. 1.5 acres of the Amazon rainforest vanishes every second, and 137 species become extinct each day,
- **4.** Only 1% of sunlight makes it through the canopy, and it can take 10 minutes for rain to hit the forest floor.