

Around the World

How would you survive in the Amazon Rainforest?

The Amazon Rainforest is located in South America. South America is one of the 7 continents of the world and is located in the southern hemisphere. On the image below you can see the continent which has the Andes mountain range running down the western side. The Amazon Rainforest can be seen in the north of the continent; it is the dark green colour you can see across the top. South America is also home to the Amazon River which can be seen flowing through the rainforest.



What does the Amazon Rainforest look like?

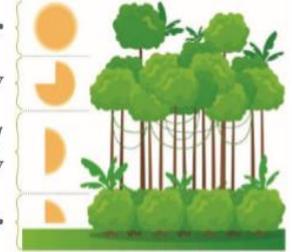
The Amazon, like other rainforests, has different layers: the forest floor at the bottom; the understory layer above; the canopy layer; the emergent layer at the very top. Each layer is home to different plants and animals and because of the huge number of trees and their leaves, different amounts of sunlight reach each of them.

Emergent Layer

Upper Canopy

Understory/
Lower Canopy

Forest Floor



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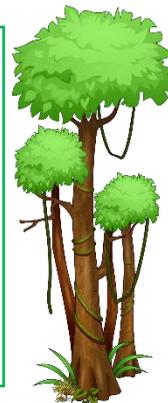
What is it like in the Amazon Rainforest?

The Amazon Rainforest is the largest tropical rainforest in the world and it is responsible for producing 40% of the oxygen in the world. A tropical rainforest experiences a large amount of rainfall and has a very warm and humid climate for most of the year. It also has many, many tall trees and a huge number of different plant and wildlife species. The rainforest is located mostly in Brazil but also in parts of Peru, Ecuador and Bolivia. There are only a small number of cities found in the rainforest and many tribes live there.



Pelé

Pelé was born on October 23rd, 1940, in Brazil. He became a soccer legend and a superstar with his performance in the 1958 World Cup. Pelé played football professionally in Brazil for two decades, winning three World Cups along the way. Pelé was also awarded the International Peace Award for his work with UNICEF. He has also served as Brazil's Extraordinary Minister for Sport and a United Nations ambassador for ecology and the environment.



Key Vocabulary

Rainforest	A dense forest found in tropical areas with high levels of rainfall. About 30 million species of plants and animals live in tropical rainforests.
Climate	The general weather conditions in an area over a long period of time.
Continent	The world's main continuous pieces of land (Africa, Asia, Australasia, Europe, North America, South America, Antarctica).
Tribe	A group of people who live in a traditional way
Deforestation	The cutting down of a large area of trees by humans.
Habitat	The natural home or environment of an animal, plant or organism.
Ecosystem	A community of plants and animals that depend on each other to survive.
Forest floor	The bottom layer of the rainforest which receives small amounts of light. It mainly consists of fallen leaves, fruit etc. that decomposes as food for trees.
Understory layer	The layer found above the forest floor and under the main canopy. It's relatively dark and open area.
Canopy layer	The dense layer of trees overlapping each other above the understory layer. This is home to most animals in rainforests.
Emergent layer	The highest layer of the rainforest, found above the canopy. Home to giant trees that enjoy the most sun but high winds & cold
Ecology	The patterns of science between plants and animals and their surroundings.