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Year 2 Term 5

The Rainforest



Geography

Rainforests are found in all of the world's continents except Antarctica.

A rainforest is an area of tall, mostly evergreen trees that receives lots of rain.
There are different types of rainforests including tropical rainforests.

Tropical rainforests are found near the equator. The weather is warm and wet. They are home to many different living things.

The world's largest tropical rainforest is The Amazon Rainforest in the continent of South America. It grows around the Amazon River.

There are many physical geographic features of a rainforest: vegetation, rivers, streams, mountains, hills, valleys and soil.

Forests have 4 layers: the emergent layer, the canopy, the understorey and the forest floor.









Jane Goodall researched chimpanzees and set up an institute to protect their habitat.



Birute Galdikas researched orang-utans and worked to protect the rainforests of Borneo.



David Attenborough presented lots of nature programmes and inspired conservationists around the world.

History

There are some famous conservationists who have worked to protect the world's rainforests and the animals that live there. Some examples are: Jane Goodall, David Attenborough and Birute Galdikas.

Key Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Rainforest	An area of tall, mostly evergreen trees that receives lots of rain
Tropical Rainforest	A rainforest found in the tropics, near the equator
Evergreen	A plant that keeps its leaves all year
Equator	An invisible line that divides the earth in half
Amazon River	A river with the largest volume of water in the world.
Vegetation	Plants that grow together in a specific habitat
River	A wide flow of water across land into the sea, a lake or another river
Stream	A small flow of water along a route
Mountain	A raised part of the earths surface which is much larger than a hill
Hill	A raised part of the earth's surface
Valley	Low land between hills or mountains
Soil	The upper layer of earth that plants can grow in