

A vibrant, cartoon-style illustration of a rainforest scene. In the upper right, a brown sloth hangs upside down from a tree branch, looking towards the viewer. The forest is filled with various green plants, including large, spiky-leafed plants in the foreground and dense foliage in the background. A large, moss-covered tree trunk lies horizontally across the middle ground. In the lower center, a small stream flows over grey rocks. The overall atmosphere is lush and green.

# Rainforest Habitats

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# What is a Rainforest?

Rainforests are very wet and warm places, due to high rainfall. They are home to millions of tropical plants and animals.

Our atmosphere depends heavily on the oxygen that is produced and all the carbon dioxide that is absorbed by the plants of the rainforests. They are very important to us and have been called “The Earths Lungs”.

Rain forests are found near the equator as the climate is perfect for them to exist.





# Tropical Rainforests of the World

Rainforests cover about 6% of the earth's surface but are home to over half of the world's species of plants and animals.



# The major Rainforests of the world are:

The Olympic Rainforest in North America

The Congo River Basin Rainforest

Madagascar Rainforest

Amazon Rainforest

The rainforest of Southeast Asia and  
Central America



# Layers of the Rainforest

Rainforests are divided into four main layers, where different types of animals live, depending on their environmental needs.

From the top to the bottom, they are called:

## Canopy

3-4m tall. Contains majority of trees and very leafy. Inhabited by insects, birds, reptiles, mammals and more.

## Understory Layer

Contains many large leaf plants and home to birds, snakes, lizards and large predators such as Jaguars and Leopards.

## Emergent

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## Forest floor

Bottom of the rainforest, quite dark. Contains very little vegetation due to low levels of sunlight. Inhabited by insects and fungi.



Work out which layer of the rainforest would be the home of these animals:

Click below to find out!

Caterpillar

Forest floor



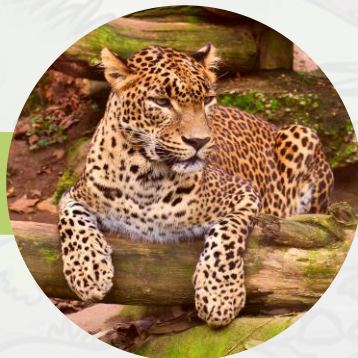
Monkey

Canopy



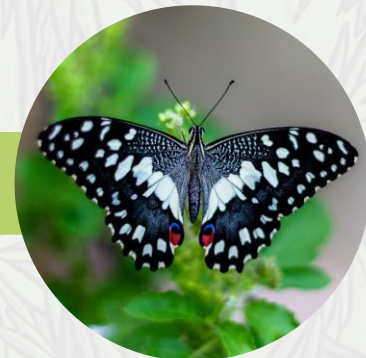
Leopard

Understory



Butterfly

Emergent





# Animals of the Rainforest

Rainforests are home to a huge array of reptiles, amphibians, mammals, birds, insects and arachnids. Here are a few:



**Sloth**



**Grasshopper**



**Monkey**





**Orangutan**



**Lichen**



**Toucan**



# The Three-toed sloth

A few facts:



Live in canopy layer of trees in rainforests.

Related to Armadillos and Anteaters.

Very slow moving hence the name 'sloth'.

They have long claws and very flat heads.

Eat mostly leaves.





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