



Facts for Life

1. The Amazon rainforest is the largest rainforest in the world
2. There are 4 layers of trees: forest floor, understory, canopy and emergent.
3. Tropical rainforests are located between the Equator and the tropic of Capricorn

Key Vocabulary

Tropical	A place that has a warm hot climate throughout the year
Climate	The weather found in a certain place over a long period of time
Equator	An imaginary circle around Earth. It divides Earth into two equal parts: the Northern Hemisphere and the Southern Hemisphere.
Tropic of Capricorn	The parallel of latitude that is 23½ degrees south of the equator and is the southernmost latitude reached by the overhead sun.
Deforestation	The action of clearing a wide area of trees.
Wet season	The time of year when most of a region's average annual rainfall occurs.
Endangered	Seriously at risk of extinction.
Forest floor	The bottom layer of the trees in the rainforest.
Understory Layer	The underlying layer of vegetation in a forest.
Canopy Layer	The upper layer or habitat zone of a forest.
Emergent Layer	The top of the rainforest where trees, plants, and leaves obtain the most sunlight.