



Facts for Life

1. The Amazon rainforest is the largest rainforest in the world
2. The Amazon River is the largest in the world in volume.
3. Tropical rainforests are located between the Equator and the tropic of Capricorn

Key Vocabulary

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| 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. |