

The Amazon Rainforest



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The Amazon rainforest is a tropical rainforest.

In a tropical rainforest the trees are crowded together. In fact, the trees are so thick that it can be dark at the bottom of the forest.



It is hot and wet in the rainforest, too. There is a lot of rain.

It rains so much, it is as if the tops of the trees join up to form an umbrella.

The biggest part of the Amazon rainforest is in **Brazil**.

The Amazon rainforest is the biggest tropical rainforest on the planet.

Brazil



Trees

Nut and palm trees are common trees in the rainforest.



Nuts on a tree.



Quick fact!

We get coffee, nuts and rubber from the rainforest.



The trees in the Amazon rainforest are like the lungs of the planet.

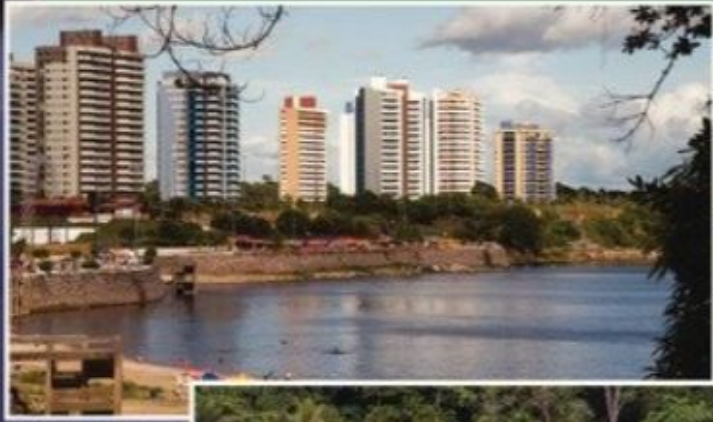
The planet needs the rainforest to keep all the air on the planet fresh and clear.

The River Amazon



The River Amazon is a big, long river.

You will see big and little towns on the banks of the river.



Cars are no good in the Amazon rainforest. The river is the road – and you need a boat to travel.



This is a red tail catfish. You can see it in the River Amazon.

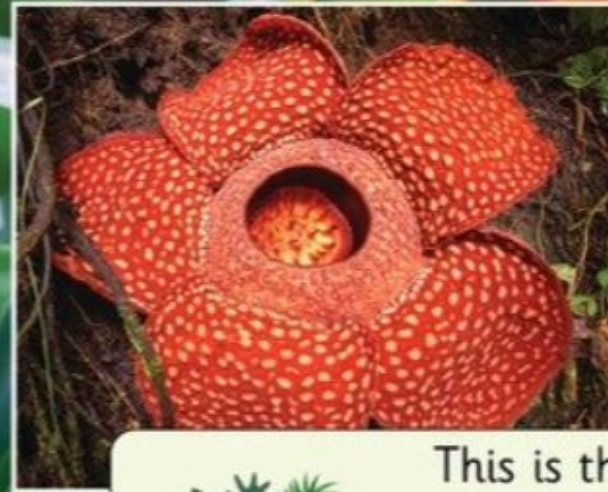
Rainforest Plants



It rains such a lot in the rainforest that plants bloom there.

In fact, the Amazon rainforest contains 40,000 different plants.

Not all of the rainforest is green. Some plants have bright flowers.



Quick fact!



This is the biggest rainforest flower. It smells like rotting flesh! This is so insects will come to it. The insects like the smell.

Living in the rainforest

The Amazon rainforest is an important **habitat** for living things.

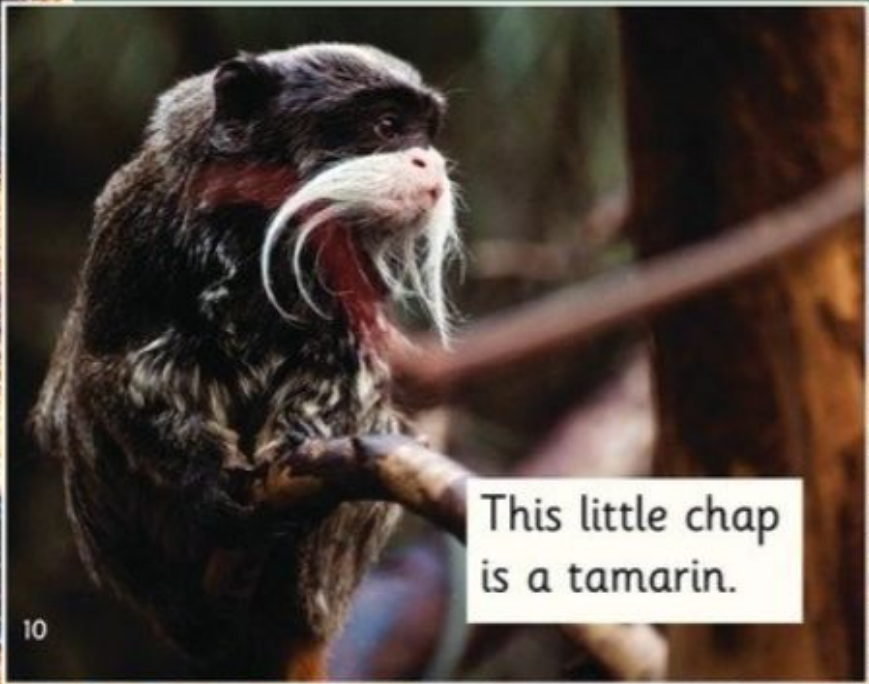
Deep in the forest you can see bats, frogs, parrots, fish, big cats and insects (like this one).



Stop! Ants!



A bright red parrot in the air.



This little chap is a tamarin.



Quick fact!

This little poison dart frog can kill you! It has poison on its skin. Do not pick it up! Keep clear!

Logging



In the Amazon rainforest, trees are getting cut down.

In just one week, hundreds of trees will vanish for good.

Trees get burnt too. This is not good for the rainforest and it is not good for us.





They cut down the trees so they can have big roads for diggers and trucks. When they have cut down the trees, they plant crops to sell.



It took so long for the forest to form, yet the trees are cut down in a flash. It is like a big scar on the land. Too much farming is not good for the Amazon!



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We need to stop cutting down trees.

We need to secure the rainforest.