

RAINFOREST WORKSHEET

SOME RAINFOREST FACTS

- ★ Tropical Rainforests are hot, humid forests, mostly found on the Earth's equator with an average temperature of around 28°C.
- ★ Millions of plants, animals and insects live in the rainforest.
- ★ It is estimated that an area of rainforest about the size of a football pitch is destroyed each second! (Deforestation)
- ★ Rainforests produce about 20% of all the oxygen in the world.

LAYERS OF THE RAINFOREST



The rainforest is made up of different layers:

Emergent Layer

The emergent layer has giant trees that poke up above the rainforest canopy. It is very sunny up here and only the strongest and tallest plants reach this level. Mostly birds and insects live here.

Canopy

The canopy is teeming with life as it is rich in fruits and seeds. Animals such as insects, birds, snakes, lizards, monkeys, tree frogs and sloths are found here.

Understory

The cool, dark environment between the canopy and the ground. Many insects are found here including bees, stick insects, ants, snails, cockroaches, beetles, and butterflies. Bats, monkeys, snakes, lizards, jaguars and frogs also live in this layer.

Forest Floor

The ground layer of the rainforest is the dark forest floor where snails, cockroaches, millipedes and tortoises live along with some of the biggest animals in the forest.



ACTIVITY 1

Can you identify where these animals are found in the rainforest?
See if you can draw a line to connect them to the right layer/s?





ACTIVITY 2



Animals can be divided into three different groups, depending on the food that they eat: carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

Carnivores are animals that only eat meat.

Herbivores are animals that only eat plants.

Omnivores are animals that eat both meat and plants.

Can you group the following animals into omnivore, herbivore or carnivore?



Cockroach



Frog



Tortoise



Giant millipede



Giant snail



Snake



Stick insect



Lizard

Carnivores

Animals that only eat meat

Omnivores

Animals that eat meat and plants

Herbivores

Animals that only eat plants

