

Rainforest Layers

What are rainforests, their layers, and what animals live there?

Year 3-4

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the session:

- ✓ **All pupils** will know all tropical rainforests are hot and wet (humid)
- ✓ **Most pupils** will be able to recall 3 of the 4 different layers of the rainforest (emergent, canopy, understory and floor), and name an animal found there
- ✓ **Some pupils** will begin to appreciate that different animals have adaptations that help them live in the rainforest e.g. hands to climb

Session Outline:

The session begins by exploring rainforest features—plants, animals, and climate—along with the locations of major rainforests by country and continent. The emergent, canopy, understory, and forest floor layers are discussed in detail using sounds and videos. Specific animals from each layer are highlighted, and biofacts (furs, bones, etc.) illustrate their adaptations for survival in the rainforest.



Curriculum Links

Science

Animals, including humans

Living things and their habitats

Geography

Location knowledge

Human and physical geography

