

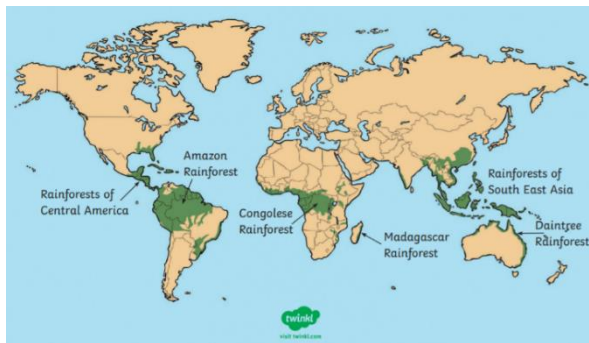
# Year 1 – Rainforests Knowledge builder

Rainforests are forests that are found near the equator and receive lots of rainfall each year. Rainforests are full of biodiversity, which means they have a variety of animals and plants that live there. There are two types of rainforests: tropical rainforests and temperate rainforests. Rainforests have 4 layers: the forest floor, the understory, the canopy and the emergent layer. Rainforests cover around 6% of the Earth surface.

The biggest rainforest is the Amazon rainforest in South America!



7 continents of the world



Rainforests of the world



## Did you know?

Rainforest can be found on every continent except for Antarctica!

Can you find out about any animals and plants found in the Amazon Rainforest?

## Vocabulary

**Rainforest** – a forest that has a tropical climate. The weather there is hot and humid with lots of rainfall.

**Continents** – a large area of land. There are 7 continents

**Equator** – a line around the earth equal distance from the North and South pole

**Forest floor** – this is the lowest layer where it is dark, damp and hot.

**Understory** – this layer is below the canopy and has lots of small trees and shrubs

**Canopy** – this layer is located under the emergent layer. Most animals and plants live here due to access to food and shelter

**Emergent** – this is the top layer. It is hot, wet, and windy.

**Deforestation** – the cutting down of trees and clearing of forests.



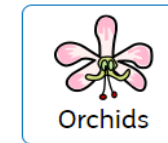
Sloths



Cocoa beans



Red-eye tree frogs



Orchids



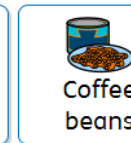
Kapok trees



Jaguar



Giant Water Lily



Coffee beans



Toucans