

Lions – Geography – Amazing Amazon

Key Knowledge to Learn:

- Rainforests are found near the Equator between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn.
- They can be found in every continent except Antarctica.
- The Amazon rainforest is in South America, including countries such as Brazil, Peru, Columbia and Ecuador.
- The climate in the rainforest is the same all year round, and it usually rains every day.
- There are a huge number of species of insects, animals and plants in the Amazon rainforest.
- There are 4 layers of the rainforest Emergent, Canopy, Understorey and the Forest Floor.
- That the rainforest is under threat.

Key skills to do:

- Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans.
- To use vocabulary linked to human and physical geography, such as Equator, Poles, Tropics, continent, river, latitude and longitude, hemisphere, village, community.
- Use world maps, atlases and globe to identify the countries, continents and oceans. Identify key features on a map.
- Understand geographical similarities and differences between the UK and others parts of the world.
- Categorise features as those linked to human geography or physical geography.
- Explain the impact of humans on Earth (past, present and future).

Words to know and spell (Tier 2 Vocabulary)			
Country	Мар	Tree	
Plants	Continent	Explore	
Atlas	Compass	Route	
Globe	Discover	North	
East	South	West	
Temperature	Weather	Rain	
Storm	Layer	Environment	
Community	Tropics		

Words to understand and spell (Tier 3 Vocabulary)

Climate Change	The long term changes in temperature and weather.
Pollution	The introduction of harmful materials into the environment.
Deforestation	The cutting down and clearing of forests
Equator	An imaginary circle running around the centre of the Earth
Humid	Feeling very damp due to water vapour in the air.
Native Tribes	The original settlers of an area
Species	A group of similar animals or plants
Climate	The weather patterns over a long period.
Indigenous	People who live in the same place and retain cultures and traditions.

Concept check questions. Test yourself:

Where are rainforests?

Name the different layers of the rainforest. What are the similarities and differences between the layers? What is the climate of the rainforest like? Why is this? How is the rainforest under threat? What can be done to protect the rainforest?