

South America - Amazon Rainforest

Why are rainforests important?

Key Questions:

Where is the Amazon?

What would it be like to walk through the Amazon rainforest?

What is Manaus like?

Do people live in the Amazon rainforest?

How can people protect the Amazon?

Why is the rainforest layered?



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What should I already know?

- Deforestation is a big issue we are facing today.
- The climate and seasons we have in the UK.

Key Facts

Lesson 1	The Amazon - could be referring to a river, river basin or a rainforest region. In South America - nine countries (Brazil, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname, Venezuela, French Guiana).
Lesson 2	Weather differs from the four seasons in the U.K. Wet and dry - two seasons. Rainforest animals are adapted for their habitat.
Lesson 3	Manaus - an Amazonian city Famous for the Meeting of Waters (Rio Negro and Amazon river).
Lesson 4	Shifting cultivation - cutting down trees / growing crops / move to a new place. Nomadic lifestyle - moving around and not living in one settlement.
Lesson 5	Deforestation - the Amazon is changing lots. We researched how diff. groups can help protect - governments, charities, businesses, people who live there and outside of the Amazon.
Lesson 6	Rainforest layers - there are four layers: emergent, canopy, understorey and forest floor. The amount of light differs in each layer and so do the species that live there.
Lesson 7	