

# South America - Amazon Rainforest

## Why are rainforests important?



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### 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?

### 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

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| Lesson 1               | The Amazon rainforest is present in 9 countries.<br>The Amazon river goes out to the sea.                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Lesson 2               | There are thousands of animals in the rainforest.<br>They are adapted to the environment - it gives them an advantage.                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Lesson 3               | City of Manaus is located in the Amazon rainforest. We can look at human and physical features.<br>1.7 million people live in Manaus.                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Lesson 4               | Within the rainforest, there are small communities but estimated 30 million people live in the rainforest.<br>Indigenous <del>people</del> communities live all over the Amazon, some are uncontacted tribes. We know they live sustainably.<br>They use a farming technique called shifting cultivation. |
| Lesson 5               | Deforestation is caused by a range of activities - logging, mining, agriculture, pasture to name a few.<br>It is not just governments that need to work to protect and educate, charities, businesses, communities and us!                                                                                |
| Lesson 6<br>combined } | Layer of rainforest - forest floor, understory canopy, emergent layer.<br>Abundance of life on the floor. Certain animals are adapted to live in certain layers.                                                                                                                                          |
| Lesson 7 }             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |