

Year 5 and 6 – Could we survive without the Amazon Rainforest?

Key Information

Rainforests

- Two types: Temperate and Tropical
- Lush dense forests
- Biodiverse (almost half of the Earth's species)
- Tropical rainforests have a hot, wet climate (temperate rainforests are slightly cooler) - there is a lot of rainfall.
- Produce 40% of Earth's oxygen
- Provide food and medicine

The Amazon Rainforest

- Located in 8 countries of South America
- Over 6 million km² in area
- The Amazon River runs through the Rainforest
- Diverse Ecosystem:

- 40,000 plant species,
- 1,300 bird species,
- 3,000 types of fish,
- 430 mammals
- 2.5 million different insects.

- Around 400-500 indigenous Tribes live there.

Physical features of the rainforest:






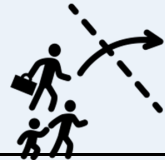

- Weather (rainfall)
- Climate—warm and wet
- Flora and fauna
- Animals

Human features of the rainforest:

- Population
- Industry
- Tribes



Key vocabulary

distribution		To share goods and produce around the world	Key revision vocabulary:
population		The amount of people living in one place	
diversity		A range of different things	Continent
sustainable		To be kept at a certain level so that it can carry on	Locate
rainforest		A luxuriant, dense forest rich in biodiversity, found typically in tropical areas with consistently heavy rainfall.	Location
migration		The movement of people to a new area or country in order to find work or better living conditions.	Equator
deforestation		The action of clearing a wide area of trees.	Latitude
			Longitude
			Tropic of Cancer
			Tropic of Capricorn: