



Where is the source of the waterfall?

What are the different layers called?



Rainforests are characterised by the high rainfall which can be as much as 450 cm annually. Experts estimate that up to 75% of all species of plants and animals are native to rainforests. In fact, they also suggest that many millions of species of plants, insects and animals are still to be discovered in tropical rainforests. Yet, surprisingly, only 6% of the earth's surface is covered in rainforest.



What other animals would you find here?

Sentence Prompts

1. Include a relative clause.
2. Start your sentence with a verb.
3. Include brackets to add information.
4. Use a statistic.
5. Use four of the keywords in a single sentence.
6. Start with a fronted adverbial.

Rainforest – Non-Fiction – Report

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| <i>tropical</i> | <i>temperate</i> | <i>monsoon</i> | <i>indigenous</i> | <i>medicines</i> |
| <i>oxygen</i> | <i>carbon dioxide</i> | <i>photosynthesis</i> | <i>canopy</i> | <i>vines</i> |
| <i>jungle</i> | <i>emergent layer</i> | <i>habitat</i> | <i>deforestation</i> | <i>biodiversity</i> |
| <i>understory</i> | <i>forest floor</i> | <i>native</i> | <i>flora</i> | <i>fauna</i> |
| <i>river banks</i> | <i>naturalist</i> | <i>equator</i> | <i>tropics</i> | <i>river</i> |

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Description – The verdant jungles are filled with fauna and flora in a dazzling array of colours.

Action – Raindrops trickle down leaves forming rivulets, which run into streams, and then flow into vast meandering rivers.

Dialogue – Naturalists have declared that, “Deforestation is responsible for the loss of 95% of Madagascar’s jungles.”

Where – High in the canopy layer, you can find a wide variety of creatures, from insects to birds, monkeys, frogs and sloths. In fact, 90% of the rainforest creatures can be found in this layer.

Adverb – Fortunately, rivers wind through the dense forest, offering a link to the outside world to the indigenous people.

Verb – Reaching heights of over 80 metres, the trees in the emergent layers need to be able to withstand both extreme heat and wind.

Estimation of time – Since the beginning of the 20th century, heavy logging and agriculture have caused the total area of rainforests to shrink dramatically.

Rhetorical Question – Can you believe that there are approximately 3000 types of edible fruits in rainforests?

Simile/Metaphor – Rainforests are like a giant pharmacy as a wide range of natural medicines can be found there.