



Year 5 : Geography – Amazon Adventure

Subject Specific Vocabulary

canopy	The canopy, which may be over 30 m above the ground, is made up of the overlapping branches and leaves of rainforest trees.
emergent layer	The emergent layer is the name given to the tops of trees that poke up above the rainforest canopy.
understory	The understory layer is a tangle of shrubs, young trees, saplings, palms and vines. It is hot and damp here and the air is very still.
deforestation	When forests are cut down and the area is permanently cleared for another use.
endangered	An endangered species is a species which has been categorized as very likely to become extinct.
indigenous	Indigenous people or things belong to the country in which they are found.
biomes	Biomes are distinct biological communities that have formed in response to a shared physical climate.
humid	High level of water vapour in the atmosphere.
ecosystem	A biological community of interacting organisms and their physical environment.
adapt	Make or modify something to make it suitable.
biodiversity	Variety of plant and animal life in a particular habitat, a high level of which is usually considered to be important and desirable.



Key Knowledge

Tropical rainforests are mainly located between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn.

The Amazon river is located in the northern portion of South America. It is the largest river in the world by volume.

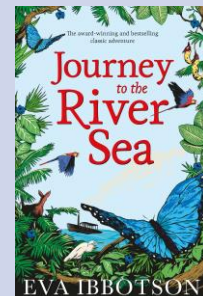
A rainforest consists of four main layers – emergent, canopy, understory and forest floor.

Rainforest biomes are very wet and warm. The atmosphere is humid. There are no seasons.

Deforestation is the clearing of forest by humans. It can have negative and positive effects.

Humans and animals have adapted to life in the rainforest in different ways.

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