

What is a rain forest?



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Rain forests are thick forests full of trees, often covering a huge area. The trees are very close together and very tall. Little light reaches the ground, so inside the forest it is dark.

Rain forests grow in parts of the world where there is lots of rain. Most are near the Equator, an imaginary line that runs around the centre of the Earth. In these tropical rain forests it is hot and humid all the year round. The biggest is the Amazon rain forest, in South America.

Rain forests contain the richest variety of wildlife to be found anywhere on Earth. They are home to millions of different kinds of plants and animals. On every tree in the rain forest there may be over 100 different types of insects, plants and birds.

Rain forests are very important to everyone in the world. They provide us with timber, food, medicine and many other useful things. They also help to control the world's climate.

Write the correct answers to these questions.

1. Rain forests can be found near the (North Pole, Equator, Swiss Alps)
2. Rain forests are (wet, cold, windy)
3. Most of the trees are (short, tall, wide)
4. Rainforest trees are (wide apart, very small, close together)
5. Inside a rain forest it is (icy, dark, light)
6. Humid means (dry, snowy, warm and damp)
7. Rain forests are full of and
(factories, plants, people, animals)
8. Which is the largest area of rain forest in the world? Where is it?
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9. Why are rain forests so important to us?
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