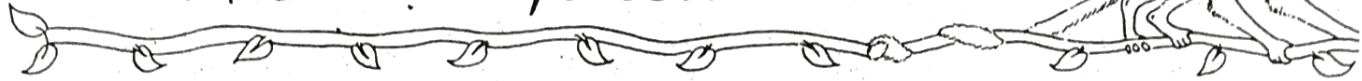


What is a rain forest?



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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.

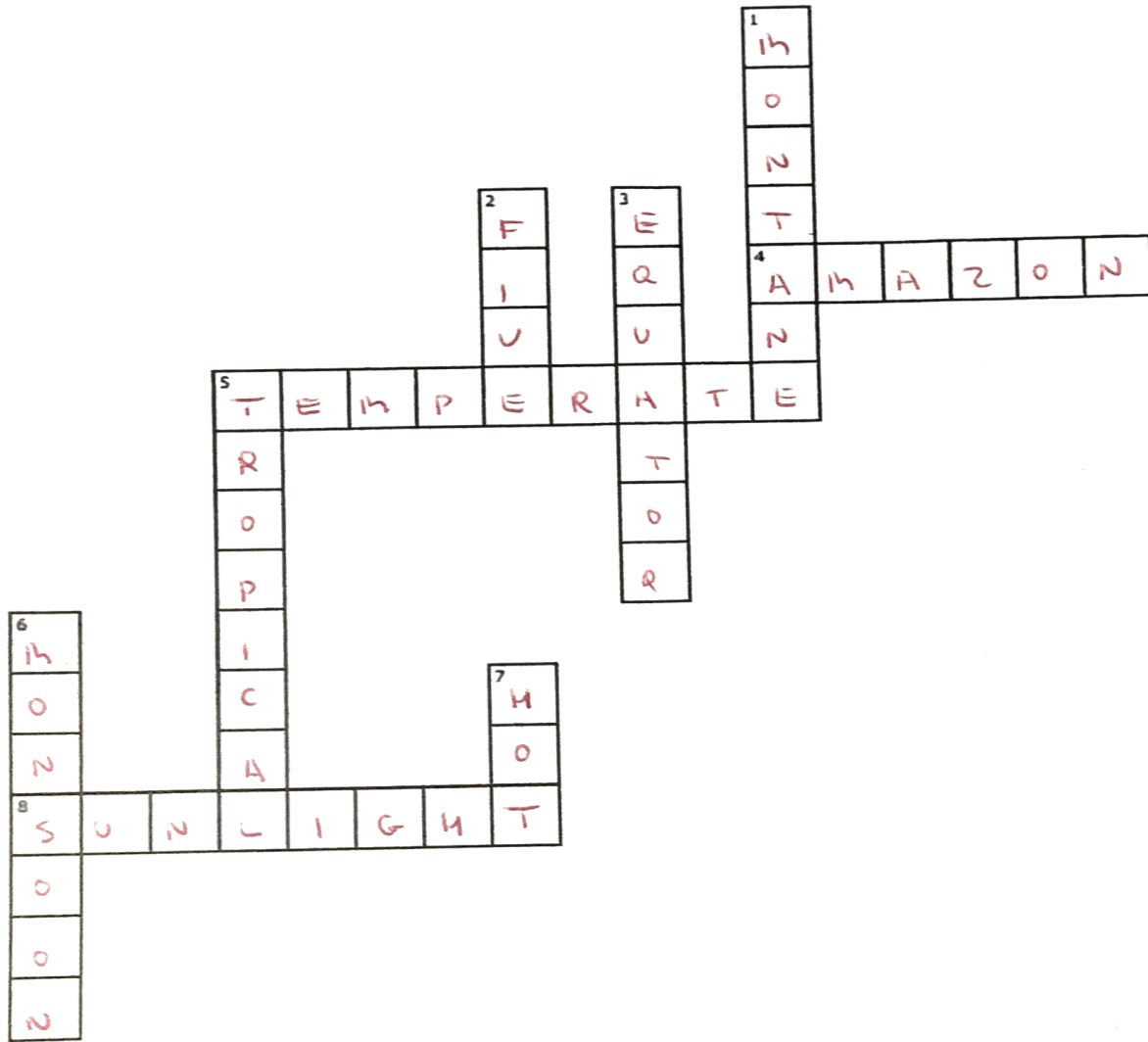
Rain forests contain the richest variety of wildlife to be found anywhere on Earth. They are home to millions of different kinds of plants and animals. On every tree in the rain forest there may be over 100 different types of insects, plants and birds.

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

What is a Rainforest?



Across

4. The world's largest rainforest is located in the basin of this river.
5. The type of rainforests found in cooler parts of the world.
8. This helps vines, small trees and other plants to grow thickly in jungles.

Down

1. The type of rainforests found in mountainous areas.
2. Tropical rainforests cover less than _____ per cent of the Earth's land surface.
3. Tropical rainforests occur around this imaginary line that divides the Earth into two equal parts.
5. The type of rainforests that stay green all year round.
6. _____ rainforests have a dry season and trees that shed their leaves each year.
7. Rainforests are generally found in _____ area of the world.