



## Rainforests

Rainforests are large forests that receive a lot of rain each year.

Tropical Rainforests are usually located in the warm tropics, where the sun rays are strong all year round.

A rain forest receives 100 inches of rain a year! All of the trees in a rainforest produce a thick canopy of leaves. The layers of branches make a protective canopy for many animals to hide in and live in.

There are some animals that never touch the ground! They live only in the trees in a rain forest.

Temperate rainforests experience seasons. Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer all occur in temperate rainforests. Temperate rainforests are found in the Pacific North West. Temperate rainforests have deciduous, coniferous and evergreen trees.

The largest rainforest in the world is the Amazon rainforest.

Rainforests produce 20% of the world's oxygen. Unfortunately, our rainforests are being cut down, which is called deforestation. Every second of every day, 1.5 acres of rainforest are destroyed.

Scientists estimate the last of the rainforests could be deforested within the next 40 years. Deforestation ruins the homes for millions of animals each year. The animals can't survive when their habitat is destroyed.