

Amazon Rainforest

The Amazon Rainforest is a beautiful place that is full of unique animals, millions of trees, and rare species of plants and bugs – some that haven't even been discovered yet!

This stunning rainforest gives us so much more than interesting plants and animals to learn about. It also gives the Earth a lot of its oxygen!

Where is the Amazon Rainforest?

The Amazon Rainforest is found in South America. It goes across many countries such as Brazil, Peru, Ecuador, Venezuela, and Colombia. This amazing forest is over 5.5 million square kilometres large and it is the largest tropical rainforest in the world.

Enchanting Ecosystem

The Amazon has an incredibly rich ecosystem – there are around 40,000 plant species, 1,300 bird species, 3,000 types of fish, 430 mammals and a whopping 2.5 million different insects. Wow!

Human Impact

In the 20th century, Brazil's population grew rapidly. People began settling major areas of the Amazon Rainforest. They used slash-and-burn techniques to create grazing pastures and farmland. The size of the Amazon Rainforest shrank dramatically (deforestation). The destruction of large sections of the rainforest generated worldwide concern.



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Questions

1. Which continent is the Amazon Rainforest in?

2. How many types of fish are there in the Amazon? (Circle the correct answer)

30 / 300 / 3000

3. The Amazon Rainforest is the largest tropical rainforest in the world.

True / False

4. What is the size of the Amazon Rainforest?

5. Why has the Amazon Rainforest shrunk in size?

6. The rainforest gives the Earth a lot of its oxygen.

True / False