



Read about the Forest and the Rainforest.

Forest

A forest is an area that has a large number of trees. Forests are found across eastern North America and Eurasia. The temperature varies throughout the year because of the four distinct seasons. Summers are warm and winters are cold, but not as cold as taigas. In the winter, snow covers the ground and trees and plants lose their leaves. The decaying leaves help make the soil rich in nutrients. Many insects, spiders, snails, and worms make their homes in this rich soil. Wild flowers grow almost everywhere in the spring. During the winter, many birds migrate to warmer climate and many animals hibernate. Deer, squirrels, and bears are just a few examples of the fauna that live there.



Rainforest



A rain forest is an area of tall, mostly evergreen trees and a high amount of rainfall.

Sunlight keeps temperatures high, between 21° and 30°C. These high temperatures keep the air warm and wet. This humid air produces extreme and frequent rainfall which is essential for tropical rain forests' flora and fauna. Almost half of the world's species can be found here.

The Amazon rainforest is the world's largest tropical rainforest. It is home to around 40,000 plant species, nearly 1,300 bird species, 3,000 types of fish, 427 species of mammals, and 2.5 million different insects. Red-bellied piranhas and pink river dolphins swim its waters. Poison dart frogs warn off predators with their bright colours. Capuchin and spider monkeys swing and scamper through the branches of the trees. Millions of mushrooms and other fungi decompose dead and dying plant material, recycling nutrients to the soil.

Rainforests are extremely important to the well-being of our planet; they help regulate our climate and provide us with everyday products.

Complete the sentences comparing the two biomes using the COMPARATIVE FORM of the following adjectives. There are extra words.

abundant - cold - few - frequent - high - important - less - long - more - warm - wet

1. Forests are than rain forests.
2. Rain forests are and than forests.
3. species live in the rain forest than in the forest.
4. Rain is in the rain forests.
5. temperatures are found in the rain forests.
6. More plants live in the rain forest because rain is .
7. Both forest and rain forest are to the well-being of our planet than deserts

Rainforests are disappearing at an alarmingly fast pace: 40 hectares of rainforest are cleared every minute for agricultural and industrial development.