

Why Are Rainforests So Humid?

Rainforests at Risk

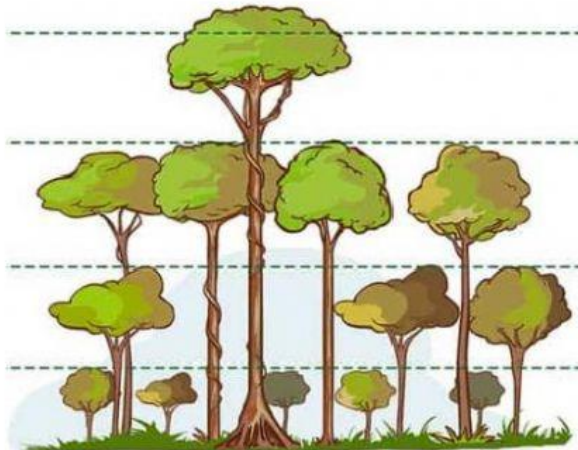
A rainforest is what some call a jungle; a dense forest, which has high temperatures and a lot of precipitation, in other words, humidity. Usually, rainforests are found in regions close to the equator, such as Chiapas in Mexico or areas in Latin American countries, like Colombia and Brazil.

Rainforests have an **endless** variety of plants and **foliage**, as well as a number of different animal species. Rainforests **consist of** different **layers**.

- › *Forest Floor.* Plants in the first layer live in darkness, closer to the ground, while others "climb" higher in order to **soak up** some sunlight.
- › *Understory Layer.* The middle section layer protects the forest floor from too much light.
- › *Canopy Layer.* The third layer is where the thickest foliage is found.
- › *Emergent Layer.* It is very sunny because it is where we can see the tallest trees – some over forty meters high – which are known as emergents.

Sadly, due to issues such as war and **deforestation**, many rainforest life forms are in danger, including native groups that are declining in population.

- 1) Read "Rainforests at Risk" and drag each layer definition to their correct place in the image.



II) Unscramble the words in the boxes to complete the sentences below.

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1. Native tribes are in decline, _____ human activity is destroying habitats.
2. _____ climate, there's a high level of precipitation.
3. _____ the emergent layer consists of tall, exposed trees, the middle layer is covered by a canopy.
4. _____ the quantity of plant life, rainforests are extremely humid.
5. The Amazon is the largest stretch of rainforest. _____, it is in danger.

III) Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

- 1 A: Did he look sad? B: No, _____, he was really cheerful.
- 2 _____ your question about our mobile rates, I have attached a document where you can see all our rate plans.
- 3 Well, I think we can declare the meeting closed. _____, who's going to have lunch at the canteen today?
- 4 _____ the most qualified candidates always get the best jobs.
- 5 I will help him, _____, he has always been there for me.
- 6 The interiors are beautiful and _____, they have designed them themselves.

7 The north of the country is industrialised and rich the south is quite poor, with an economy based on agriculture.

8 , our objective is improve productivity and product quality at the same time.

9 , we could say that the charity dinner was a success.

10 We'd better find a quick solution to this crisis, our customers will start to lose faith in us.

IV) Humanity, as well as the animal world, relies on trees and plants to live a healthy life. However, due to deforestation and urban living, we are benefiting less from green areas and clean air. Consequently, this will affect our health. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), nine out of ten people breathe severely polluted air.

How can we prevent deforestation and, thusly, have greener cities in the future?