

Earth's Greatest Ecosystems

The Earth is home to **many** amazing places, **1)** _____ three of **2)** _____ (incredible) are the Sahara Desert, the Amazon Rainforest, **3)** _____ the Great Barrier Reef. They are very different from each other, **4)** _____ each one is beautiful in its own way.

The Sahara Desert is **5)** _____ (large) hot desert in the world. It is **much 6)** _____ (hot) **7)** _____ **8)** _____ (dry) than the Amazon Rainforest **9)** _____ the Great Barrier Reef. During the day, temperatures can rise to more than 50°C, **10)** _____ at night they become a lot **11)** _____ (cold). The Sahara receives very little rain, **12)** _____ it has **13)** _____ (few) trees **14)** _____ plants than the Amazon. However, many animals, such as camels, foxes, snakes **15)** _____ spiders, have adapted to live in this extremely dry environment.

In contrast, the Amazon Rainforest is **16)** _____ (large) tropical rainforest on Earth. It is **17)** _____ (wet) **18)** _____ **much more 19)** _____ (green) than the Sahara. It also has far more trees, rivers **20)** _____ wildlife. In fact, the Amazon is one of **21)** _____ (green) places on the planet, **22)** _____ it receives a lot of rain every year. It is home to millions of insects and thousands of species of birds, mammals, reptiles **23)** _____ fish. Because of its incredible biodiversity, the Amazon is one of **24)** _____ (important) ecosystems in the world.

The Great Barrier Reef is **25)** _____ (big) coral reef system on Earth, **26)** _____ it is **27)** _____ (small) than the Amazon Rainforest. The reef is located in quite warm tropical waters **28)** _____ is home to more than 1.500 species of fish, **29)** _____ less than 6.000 species of mollusks. It has more marine species than most coral reefs in the world, **30)** _____ it is one of **31)** _____ (rich) underwater ecosystems on Earth.

What species do they belong to?

