

# The Amazon Rain Forest

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## While reading

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- 1 Answer these questions (pp. 1–4).
  - a What are the longest rivers in the world?  
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  - b What have snow on their tops?  
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  - c Who are half Indian and half Portuguese?  
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  - d What meets the Amazon River in the middle of Brazil?  
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  - e What bring things to Manaus from other countries?  
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  - f What is 240 kilometers wide?  
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  - g What can eat a man in minutes?  
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- 2 The Indians of the forest use the trees for many things. How many uses can you think of? Write a list.  
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- 3 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X) about 'What is a Rain Forest' (p. 6)?
  - a Most rain forests grow in countries with very cold weather.
  - b Rain forests are only trees.
  - c A small number of animals and plants live in the rain forest.
  - d There are a lot of different kinds of trees in the rain forests.
  - e Many animals and birds live in trees.
- 4 Finish these sentences about 'Life in Trees' and 'The Weather' (p. 6).
  - a Different plants and animals have their homes on different .....
  - b Every tree in the forest wants to .....
  - c Fruits and seeds fall from treetops and .....
  - d The tallest trees often have .....
  - e The weather in the Amazon .....
  - f A rain forest has more than .....
  - g The air is .....
  - 1) grow up to the sunlight.
  - 2) grow in the soil.

- 3) does not change much.
- 4) two meters of rain every year.
- 5) hot and wet all the time.
- 6) thick wide roots.
- 7) floors of the rainforest.

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- 5 Put these sentences in the right order, from 1–6.
  - a  The big companies built big new roads into the forest.
  - b  Chippendale's furniture became popular around the world.
  - c  Big companies cut down hardwood trees in large numbers and sold the wood to other countries.
  - d  Europeans came to South America for the first time.
  - e  European and North American furniture-makers used rain forest hardwood for the first time.
  - f  After two hundred years, the best trees were a long way from roads and ships.
- 6 Match the name and the description.
 

Peru	Recife	Amazon	Jamaica
Thomas Chippendale	North American	Brazil	

  - a ..... made a book with ideas for furniture.
  - b ..... people loved exciting ideas from Europeans.
  - c In ..... people cut hardwood trees year after year.
  - d Some companies around the ..... rain forest sent workers into the forest.
  - e ..... built a lot of new roads into and around the rain forest.
  - f The rain forest roads go from ....., next to the Atlantic Ocean, to the Andes in .....
- 7 Underline the wrong words and put the right ones.
  - a The first people in the rain forests were the Europeans.
  - b All the people in the rain forests speak the same language.
  - c No Indians in the rain forest speak Portuguese now.

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- d The people in the rain forest use plants for food and homes.
- e All the people of the rain forest catch fish in the sea.
- f The people of the rain forest make poison from plants and piranhas.

**8 Finish these sentences.**

- a A lot of the Indians of the rain forest died because the Europeans .....
- b In the 1960s, the countries of South America started to .....
- c The people and the visitors on vacation in the rain forest can see .....
- d With the money from the coffee and the rubber, the Europeans built .....
- e Almost all the people in Brazil today .....

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**9 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?**

- a Jose and Maria live in the rain forest.
- b The Kayapo Indians live in their boats.
- c The Kayapo Indians take Jose and Maria to a different part of the river.
- d The fish are swimming very fast in the pool.
- e The Kayapo Indians use wood from the forest to catch the fish.
- f There is a strong poison in the wood.
- g Jose and Maria help the Kayapo Indians to catch fish.
- h Jose and Maria eat some of the Kayapo Indians' fish.

**10 Answer these questions.**

- a Where did the taxi driver live when he was a small child?  
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- b Why did the taxi driver's family move to the forest?  
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- c What did the taxi driver's family plant on their farm?  
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- d How long did the taxi driver's family live on their first farm?  
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- e Where did the taxi driver's family go to get work?  
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- f What kind of trees made Manaus a rich city?  
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- g Why did the good times end in the 1920s for Manaus?  
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- h How much of Brazil is cattle farms?  
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- i Does the cattle farmer want to cut down all of the Amazon rain forest for cattle?  
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**11 Circle the right answer.**

- a In 1992, people from 150 countries met to talk about .....  
1) the Amazon.  
2) all rain forests.  
3) Rio de Janeiro.
- b We are losing animals and plants from the rain forest .....  
1) every day.  
2) only in Brazil.  
3) in the future.
- c A new forest is better than .....  
1) an old forest.  
2) any forest.  
3) no forest.
- d Indians can live in the rain forests and look .....  
1) after them.  
2) for them.  
3) around them.
- e Rain forest vacation centers will bring more .....  
1) jobs.  
2) farms.  
3) big companies.
- f Today, the Amazon rain forest is getting .....  
1) bigger.  
2) smaller.  
3) better.

**12 How can you help the Amazon rain forest? Write five ideas.**

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## Pages 1–9

### 1 Underline the wrong word and put the right one.

- a The Amazon and the Nile are the widest rivers in the world.  
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- b The biggest river in Venezuela is the Amazon.  
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- c There are many bridges over the Amazon river.  
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- d Many people go on holiday to Manaus every year and they go on walks or take boat trips in the lake.  
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- e All of the world's clean water is in the Amazon and its rivers.  
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### 2 Match the questions and the answers.

- a Why is the air hot and wet all the time? .....
  - b Why are forests getting smaller? .....
  - c Why are rain forests important? .....
  - d Why do people go to the doctor? .....
  - e Why are doctors interested in the plants of the rain forests? .....
  - f Why are we worried about the plants in the rain forest? .....
- 1) Because most water stays in the trees.
  - 2) Because they are disappearing fast.
  - 3) Because we are losing many hundreds of kinds of plants every year.
  - 4) Because they get medicines from them.
  - 5) Because they give us food and medicines.
  - 6) Because they are sick and need medicines.

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### 3 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a The rain forests around the world are disappearing and the weather is changing.
- b In Jamaica, Cuba and the Americas people never cut down the big hardwood trees.
- c Brazil built a lot of new roads into and around the rain forest only for the people to use.
- d There are many Indians who speak different languages and live in different ways living in the rain forests today.
- e The Indians living in the rain forests move their homes because the soil is tired and dry.

### 4 Circle the right words.

- a The *most dangerous* / *weakest* animals in the rain forests are sometimes very small.
- b The little frogs have a very strong *poison* / *smell*.
- c The 'Terras Indigenas' are only for *Europeans* / *Indians*.
- d The first Europeans to come to Brazil were the *Germans* / *Portuguese*.

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### 5 Finish the sentences.

- a The old man told Jose and Maria that when the Europeans came to Brazil they brought .....
- b The old man told Jose and Maria that the people from the rain forest know more about the plants than .....
- c The people of the rain forest get poisons from .....
- d The taxi driver told Jose and Maria that when he was a boy .....
- e The taxi driver told Jose and Maria that the rain forest next to the roads .....

### 6 Choose the right word from the box.

trips	wonderful	rubber	Paris	buildings
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- a Manaus is a ..... city.
- b You can take ..... from the trees year after year.
- c Manaus is a good place for vacation .....
- d A lot of people believe that Manaus is the ..... of the forest.
- e Manaus is a nice place for vacations because it has nice old ..... to visit.

### 7 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a Maria and Jose know that the Indians and the rain forest are very important for the future of their country.
- b Year after year the rain forests of the world are getting bigger.
- c South America, Asia and Africa are having a lot of problems with their forests.
- d The world's weather is always the same.
- e Today there are a lot of fires and new farms in the rain forests.