



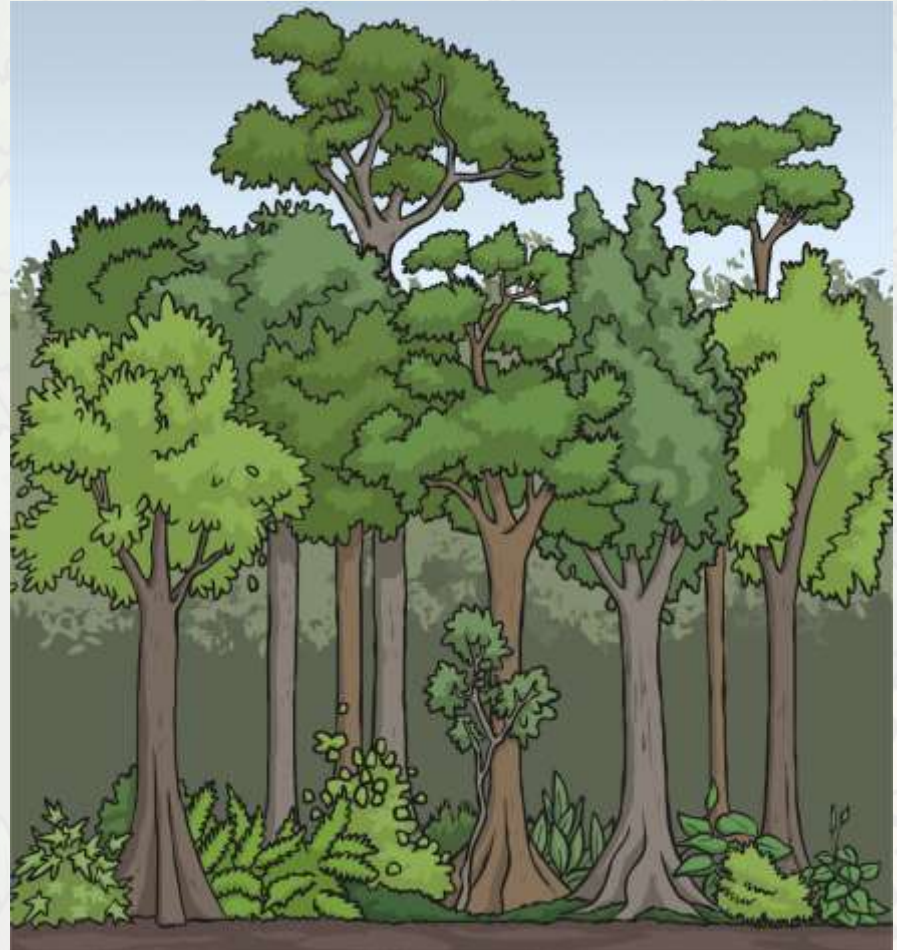
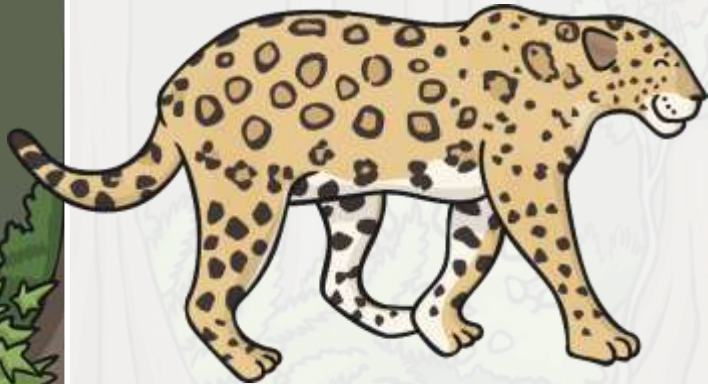
Layers of the Rainforest

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The Rainforest

The rainforest is made up of four different layers:

- the emergent layer
- the canopy layer
- the understory layer
- the forest floor layer



The Emergent Layer



This is the top layer of the rainforest.

Only a few animals live in this layer.

It is hot, wet, and windy in the emergent layer.



Some of the animals that can be found in the emergent layer are bird-eating tarantulas, hummingbirds, and macaws.



The Canopy Layer



The canopy layer is located under the emergent layer.

The canopy is home to most of the animals and plants of the rainforest.

There is plenty of food and shelter in this layer.

Red-eyed tree frogs, sloths, and toucans are some of the animals that live in the canopy layer.



The Understory Layer



The understory layer is located beneath the canopy.

The understory does not get much sunlight.
It is dark and humid here.

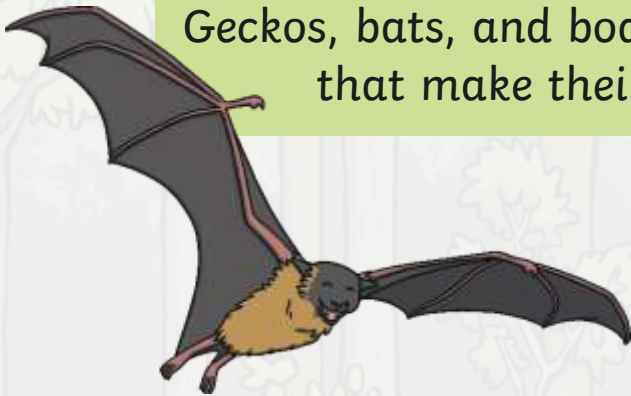
The understory is home to smaller animals,
insects, and snakes.

Some larger animals use the understory layer for hunting.

The Understory Layer



Geckos, bats, and boa constrictors are some of the animals that make their home in the understory layer.



The Forest Floor Layer



The last layer of the rainforest is the forest floor layer.

This layer is dark, humid, and hot. Only 5% of the sunlight makes it to the forest floor.

Anteaters, jaguars, and scorpions are some of the animals that live in the forest floor layer.



Animals in the Rainforest

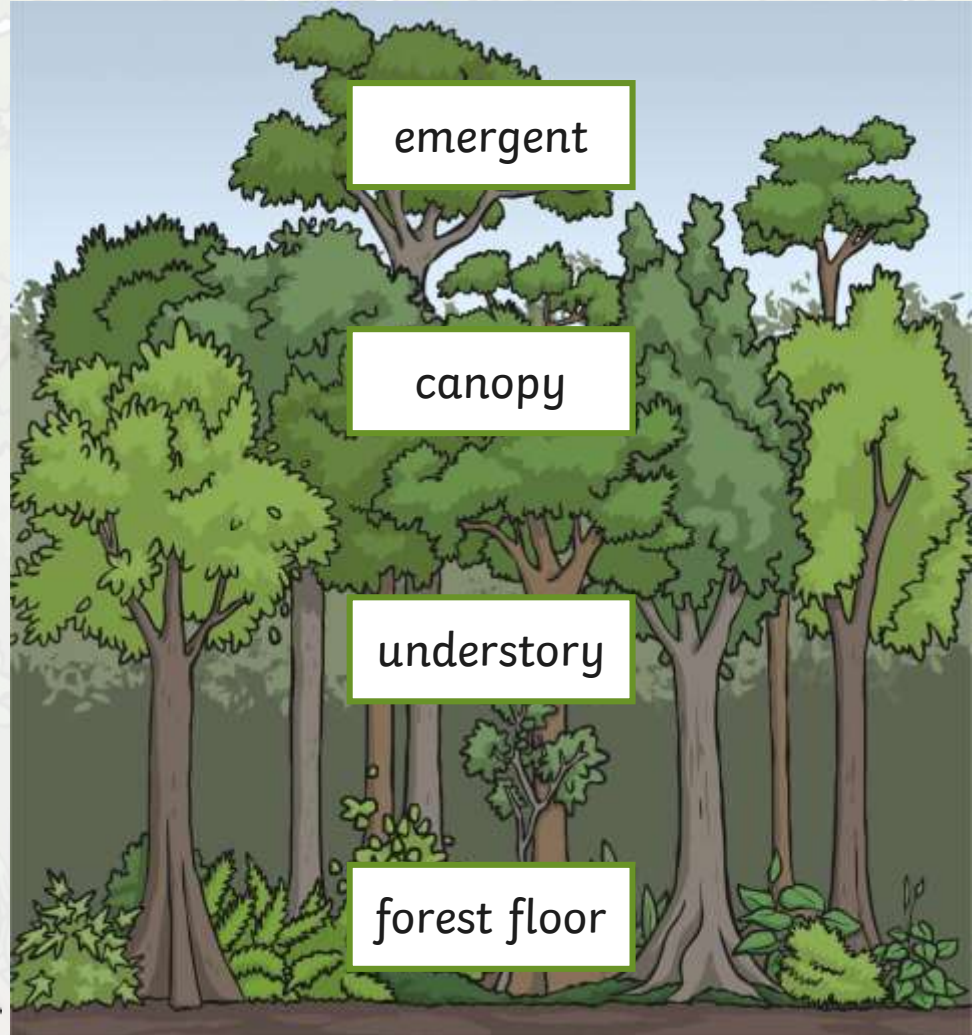
The animals of the rainforest do not usually stay in only one layer. Some animals can be found in several different rainforest layers.

Some animals may live in one layer and hunt in another layer of the rainforest.



Rainforest Match

Where do you think these animals would be found?



emergent

canopy

understory

forest floor



Now watch these videos to learn a little more!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JEsV5rqbVNQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ea820Ef91C4>

Then... you'll be ready to complete your task!



Your task!

We would like you to use an A4 piece of paper to explain the 4 layers of a rain forest.

You can do this in any way that you like!

- You might like to fold your paper into 4 sections (portrait) and carefully draw (or paint) the types of vegetation and animals you would find in each layer
- You may prefer to write about each layer
- Perhaps you would like to print pictures off the internet and stick them in each of the different layers, in a collage style!

Think of a way that you will enjoy 😊

