









Into the Amazon

Key Vocabulary	
climate	The average weather conditions over a long period of time.
weather	The specific condition on a given day.
deforestation	The cutting down and clearing of forests.
species	A group of similar animals or plants.



Emergent Layer	Canopy Layer	Understorey Layer	Forest Floor
			
Trees can be up to 60m tall	Trees form a roof over the plants below	Trees grow to less than 4m tall	Very few plants
Lots of sunlight	Lots of sunlight but also plenty of rain	Very little sunlight	Almost no sunlight
Cold and windy	Lots of food for animals	Warm and humid	Leaves and debris decompose quickly
Birds, bats, monkeys and butterflies	Snakes, toucans and tree frogs	Lots of insects	Gorillas, anteaters, leopards and tigers
			

Key Facts

- The Amazon Rainforest is the world's largest rainforest.
- It is in South America and covers parts of Brazil, Peru, Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Bolivia, Guyana, Suriname and French Guiana
- It is home to million insect species and over 2000 species of birds and mammals.
- There are over 40 000 plant species in the Amazon Rainforest.