



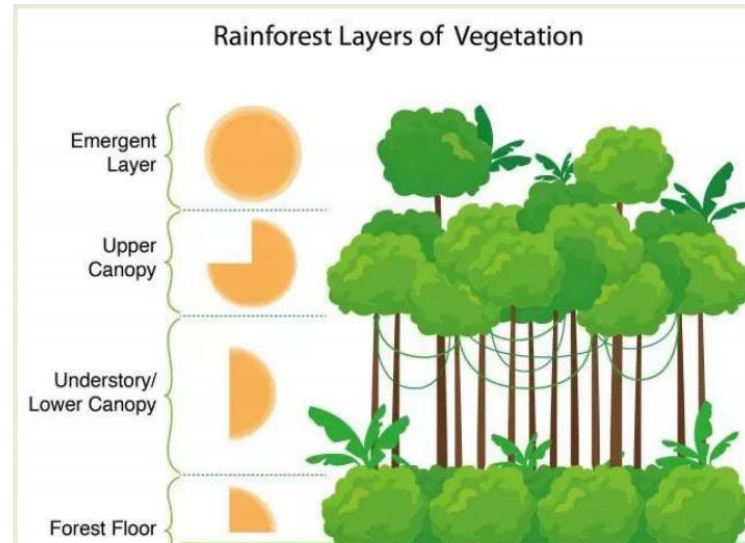
South America: Rainforests



KEY VOCABULARY

Topic of Cancer/Capricorn	Latitude lines to the north and south of the equator
Indigenous tribes	The first people to live in a place.
Endangered	An animal that is at risk of becoming extinct.
Tropical climate	A climate which is hot all year round.
Emergent layer	The tallest layer of the rainforest.
Canopy layer	The thick layer of vegetation below the emergent layer.
Understory layer	A dark, damp place due to no sunlight.
Deforestation	When trees in a forest which are cut down.

DIAGRAM



KEY KNOWLEDGE

The longest river in Brazil is the river Amazon (4345 miles) and the highest mountain is the Pico de Neblina (9827ft).

The term indigenous is used to refer to people who are native to a place which has since been colonised by people from other places.

Tropical Rainforests are composed of a forest floor, understory, canopy and emergent layer.

Tropical rainforests are located between the tropics of Cancer and Capricorn. They can be found in South America, Africa, Asia and Australia.

Tropical rainforests are endangered because of deforestation as a result of farming and food production, road-building and settlement development.

THINGS TO TALK ABOUT AT HOME

Why is deforestation having a negative impact on the environment?

Which countries does the Amazon Rainforest cover?

What animals live in the rainforest?

Map of South America

