



Rainforests

Week 1



WALT: identify and label on a map where rainforests can be found.



You are going to create a KWL. First discuss ideas with your grown up about what to put for the K and W parts. Then write down 1 thing for each part.

Remember, leave the L part of the grid empty – you can complete this at the end of the half term!

KWL Grid

- K: What do you already know?
- W: What would you like to know?
- L: What have you learnt?

KWL Grid

Draw a KWL grid in your book.

K	W	L

Write what you already know about rainforests in the K section.
Write at least one question about what you would like to learn in the W section.

Leave the L section blank. You can fill it in when we have finished this topic.

What are Rainforests?

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=rainforest+images+video&view=detail&mid=9913DC77AE3F303A439B9913DC77AE3F303A439B&FORM=VIRE>



Let's find out what rainforests are like. Watch and listen to this video carefully and write down all the different things you see and hear.





Now you have seen and heard what a rainforest is like, can you now think of a logical answer to these two questions? Tell your grown up.

What is a rainforest?
Where are rainforests
found?

What are rainforests?

Rainforests are very dense, warm, wet forests. They are habitats for millions of plants and animals.

It is estimated that about half of all the earth's plant and animal life lives in rainforests.

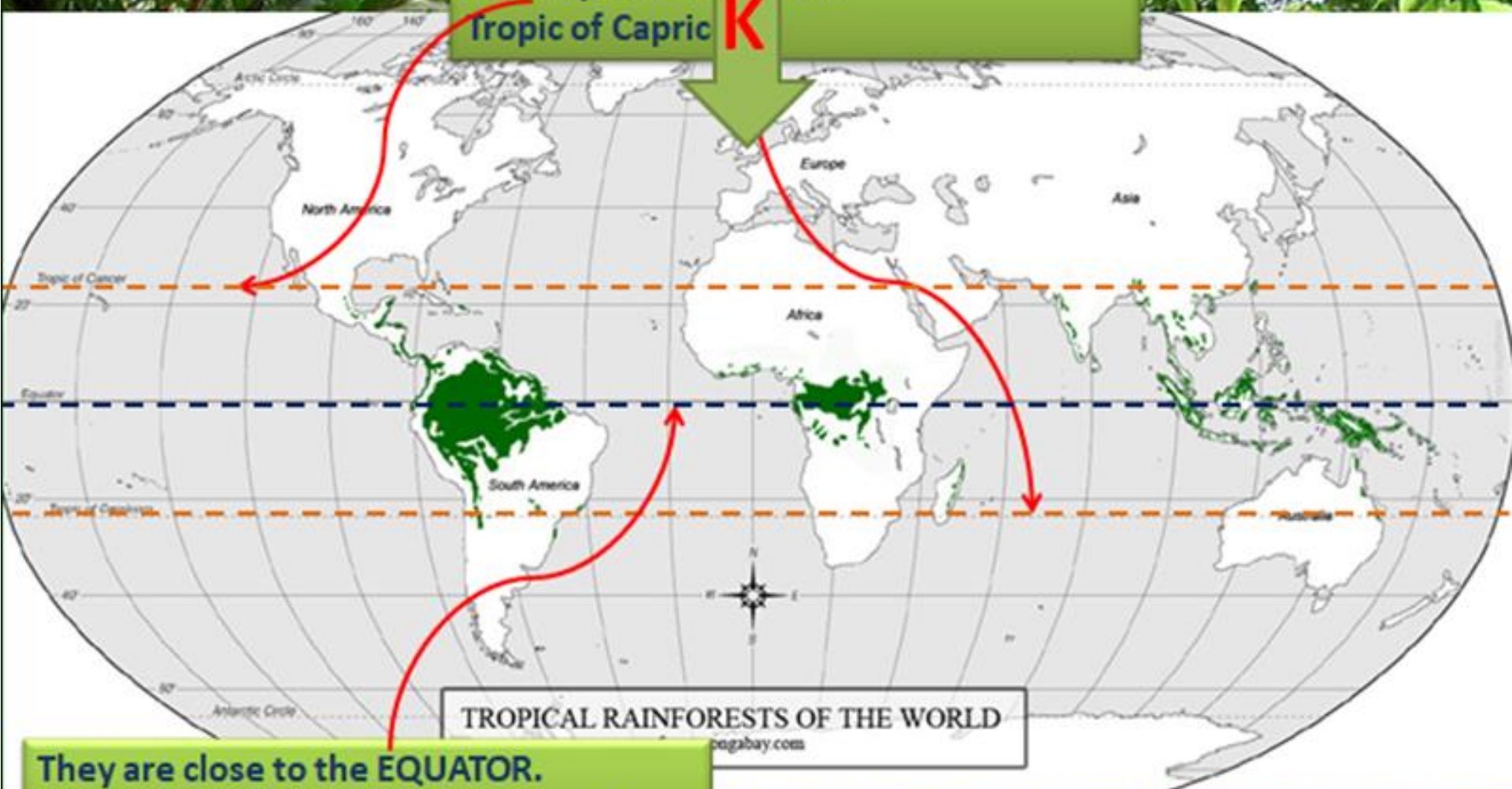
Rainforests are extremely important in the ecology of the Earth. The plants of the rainforest generate much of the Earth's oxygen.

Where are the tropical rainforests?

Tropical Rainforests are found between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn.

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They are close to the EQUATOR.
They are always warm, always humid...
And there is always lots of rainfall!

These countries are the locations of the world's top 10 rainforests:

- Mexico
- Venezuela
- Suriname
- Columbia
- Brazil
- Peru
- Bolivia

- Congo DRC
- Indonesia
- Papua New Guinea



Tropical rainforests contain an amazing number of animals and insects.



For more information follow this link,
<https://rainforests.mongabay.com/kids/elementary/202.html>



They also contain an amazing number of different tree and plant species. 1 hectare of rainforest (a size 100m long and 100m wide) contains up to 750 different SPECIES of tree and 1000s of different plants. Amazing!



In short...

Tropical rainforests

are

INCREIBLE!

A lush, green tropical forest scene with various plants and trees. A black rectangular box is superimposed in the center, containing the word "BUT..." in a red, stylized script font. The background is filled with dense foliage, including large green leaves in the foreground and tall trees in the background.

BUT...





If we are not Careful,
this is all that will be left of
the tropical rainforests.

Every day, an area equivalent
to about

32,000

football pitches

is cut down, burnt and
destroyed.

And all the amazing plants,
animals and insects that live in
them die too.

Where Are Rainforests Found?

Rainforests are found in many countries, such as:

- Brazil
- Peru
- Australia
- Indonesia
- Bolivia
- Ecuador
- Guyana
- India
- Malaysia
- Mexico
- Venezuela

Do you recognise any of these country names?

Do you know where they are located on the map?

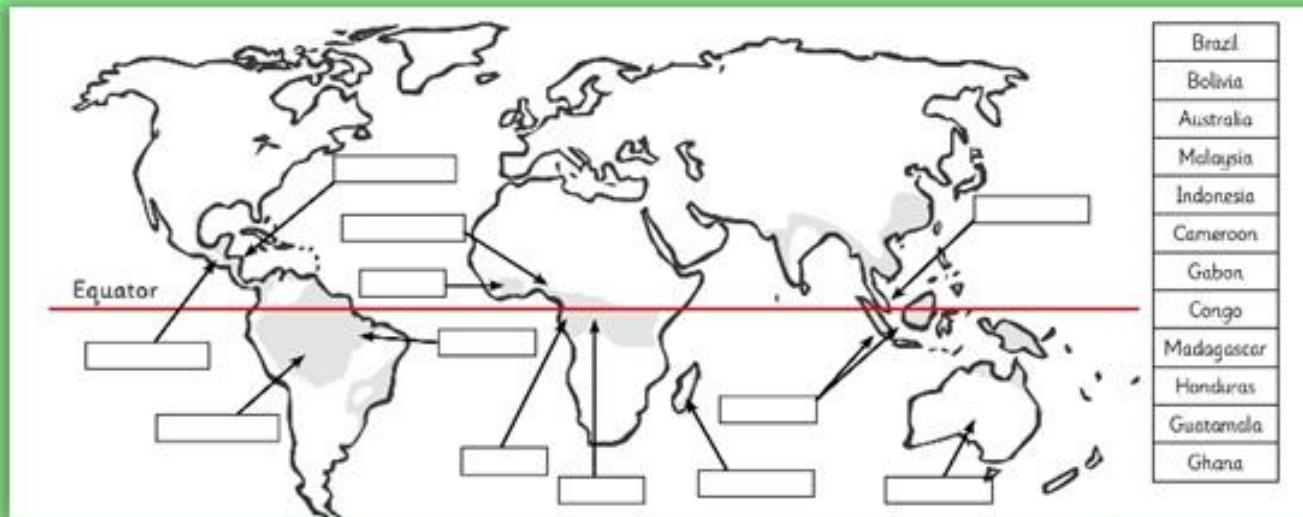


Where Are Rainforests Found?



How are the countries similar?

Which Countries Have Rainforests?



Use an atlas if you have one and an Ipad to find out the names and locations of more countries with rainforests. Label your map with the country names. Then label the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn on your map.



Extension:



Now, you have labelled your world map with the countries that rainforests are found. Can you now label the location of specific famous rainforests to your map. Use an Ipad to help you with your research.

- The Amazon Rainforest
- The Congo Rainforest
- Daintree Rainforest
- Atlantic Forests

Can you find the names of more rainforests?