

LAYERS OF THE RAINFOREST

FACT FILE

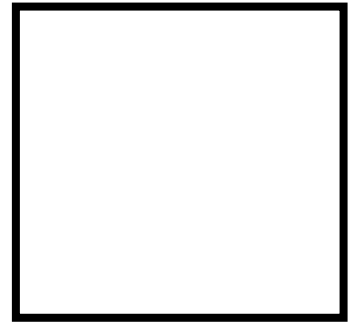
EMERGENT LAYER

Conditions: It is very ____ but also very breezy, wet and lacks shelter.

Plants: It is made up of the ____ trees in the rainforest.

Animals: Most of the creatures that live in the emergent layer are ____, like hummingbirds and macaws

Other interesting facts: The emergent layer isn't a very good ____ for animals.



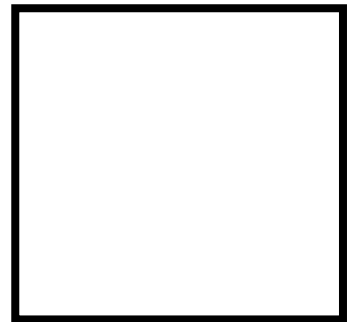
CANOPY LAYER

Conditions: There is lots of ____ and plenty of ____.

Plants: The ____ and ____ of the trees join up to form a roof over the rest of the rainforest.

Animals: Animals that live here are ____ meaning they live in trees. This includes sloths, orangutans and red-eyed frogs.

Other interesting facts: The canopy is full of ____ and nuts all year.



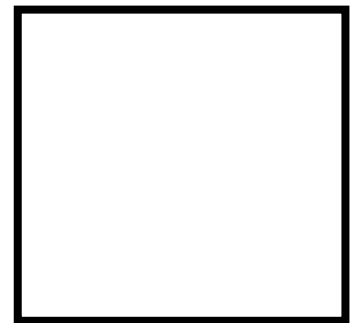
UNDERSTORY LAYER

Conditions: The understory is very hot, dark and _____. As little as 1% of sunlight reaches this layer.

Plants: The understory is made up of bushes and small trees. Plants have to grow larger leaves to reach the little _____ there is.

Animals: The understory is home to _____, snakes and smaller animals.

Other interesting facts: Larger _____ use the low trees to watch and pounce on their prey.



FOREST FLOOR LAYER

Conditions: It is dark and ____: almost no sunlight reaches this area.

Plants: Not many _____ grow here. The forest floor is covered in _____ leaves.

Animals: The forest floor is home to the rainforest's _____ animals like jaguars, ocelots and elephants.

Other interesting facts: The dead leaves decompose and give _____ back to the soil to help other plants grow.

