



Knowledge Organiser

Prime Learning Challenge: Who lives in the jungle?

Key language



Did you know that...?

Deep in the Amazon Rainforest there are _____ who...

An interesting fact about _____ is...

In the Amazon Rainforest there are _____ who...

Key facts: sloths	Key facts: jaguars	Key facts: toucans
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Sloths are clumsy on land but are great swimmers. – They only go to the toilet once a week and can sleep for ten hours a day. – Algae grows on their fur, which helps them camouflage. – Sloths eat leaves, however their predators are snakes, eagles and jaguars. – Sloths are nocturnal animals. – Sloths have up to four inch-long claws to can hold onto tree branches. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Jaguars are the largest of South America’s big cats and the third largest cat in the world. – Most jaguars are found in the Amazon river basin. – Their fur is usually tan or orange with black spots, called rosettes because they are shaped like roses. – Jaguars live alone and mark their territory with their waste or by clawing trees. – Jaguars are mammals and carnivores and live on a diet rich in meat and fish. – They can live to be 12 to 15 years old in the wild. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Toucans are located in Central and South America in tropical and sub-tropical rainforests. – Toucans will eat mostly small fruit and sometimes insects. – Toucans live in holes of hollow trees. – Toucans can grow to be about 33 to 65 centimetres in height. – The female Toucan lays about 2 to 4 eggs per year. – The small wings of the toucan mean they are not very good at flying; instead, they usually hop between branches using curved toes and sharp claws.



Rainforests

What is a Rainforest?

Rainforests are a type of forest that have tall trees, warm weather and lots of rain. They are found in hot places such as Africa, Asia and Australia. The largest rainforest is called the Amazon in South America.

Parts of a Rainforest

A rainforest is made up of different layers (parts).



The **sunlit zone** with the most sunlight and tallest trees. Up here it is hot, wet and windy.



The **canopy**, where the branches and leaves of the trees are so close together that they touch and join up to form a kind of umbrella.



The **understory** found under the canopy. It does not get much sunlight here.



The **forest floor** which is dark, damp and hot. Very little sun reaches the ground as the leaves of the canopy block the sunlight.

