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The Rainforest Habitat

There are living and non living things in the rainforest habitat. Living things include the plants and the animals and the non living things include the rocks, sand, dirt and bodies of water. Plants and animals need air and water to survive. Some animals need to make a home in their habitat. The rainforest is a very, very wet and warm habitat. The rainforest is very lush and green all the time. There are rainforests in Africa, Australia and Central and South America. The largest rainforest is in South America and is called the Amazon rainforest. The rainforests are all near the equator which is why it's so warm in the rainforest. The rainforest gets lots of rain and it is very hot all year in most rainforests. In some rainforests, it rains every day. Sometimes people refer to the rainforest as the jungle and parts of the rainforest can be considered a jungle. The trees in the rainforest grow very tall as they are competing with other trees to reach sunlight and because the rainforest gets so much rain. The Kapok tree in the rainforest can grow up to 200 feet tall! Half of the world's animals call the rainforest their home. Some animals eat plants in the rainforest and some eat other animals. Many rainforest animals live in the trees like monkeys and other animals live on the rainforest floor like the tapir and many insects. The forest floor doesn't get much sun and is covered in leaves, which is the ideal habitat for insects and insect eating animals like the anteater. Animals like the sloth that live high in the trees keep safe there. Other animals camouflage which helps them keep safe by blending in with the plant life in the rainforest. Rainforests are sometimes referred to as the 'lungs' of the planet, there are so many plants that supply oxygen to our planet. Rainforests all provide us with over 3000 kinds of fruit! There are more species of animals and plants in the rainforest than any other habitat!



Questions:

- 1 Explain how plants adapt to the rainforest?
- 2 Explain how animals adapt to the rainforest?
- 3 Compare and contrast the area you live with a rainforest.
- 4 Use one sentence to describe what a rainforest can be like.
- 5 How does a rainforest animal find food? avoid danger? adapt to the climate?
- 6 Why is the Rainforest referred to as the Lungs of the planet?