

Rumble in the Jungle

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Interesting Facts	Significant Groups	Vocabulary	Definition
<p>The Amazon is the world's largest tropical rainforest. Covering over 5.5 million square kilometres, it's so big that the UK and Ireland would fit into it 17 times!</p>	<p>Yanomami Tribe— the largest relatively isolated tribe in South America, with around 20,000 members. They live in the rainforests and mountains of northern Brazil and southern Venezuela.</p>	<p>Amazon</p>	<p>A river in South America, flowing through the Amazon rainforest. The largest river in the world in volume of water carried.</p>
<p>The Amazon is found in South America, spanning across Brazil, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Guyana, Suriname and French Guiana.</p>	<p>Some tribes, such as the Kanoe and Akuntsu tribes have no more than 30 members.</p>	<p>Climate</p>	<p>The weather conditions throughout the year, such as: temperature, rainfall, humidity, sunshine.</p>
<p>Running through the north of the rainforest is the Amazon river. Flowing a length of around 6,400km, it is the second longest river in the world. The longest is the river Nile, stretching an even longer 6,650km!</p>	<p>The Amazon has an incredibly rich ecosystem - there are around:</p> <p>40,000 plant species</p> <p>1,300 bird species</p> <p>3,000 types of fish</p> <p>430 mammals</p> <p>2.5 million different insects</p>	<p>Canopy</p>	<p>The primary layer of the forest, forming a roof over the understory and the forest floor.</p>
<p>Sometimes referred to as 'the lungs of the Earth'. This is because the rich vegetation takes carbon dioxide out of the air, and releases oxygen back in. More than 20% of the world's oxygen is produced by the Amazon.</p>		<p>Deforestation</p>	<p>To destroy or clear parts of the forest. Often through logging or forest fires.</p>
<p>Around 400-500 indigenous Amerindian tribes call the Amazon rainforest home. It's believed that about fifty of these tribes have never had contact with the outside world!</p>		<p>Emergent</p>	<p>The tallest layer of trees in the rainforest.</p>
<p>Due to the thickness of the canopy (the top branches and leaves of the trees), the Amazon floor is in permanent darkness. In fact, it's so thick that when it rains, it takes around ten minutes for the water to reach the ground!</p>		<p>Endangered</p>	<p>Threatened with danger, such as through logging, poaching or threatened with extinction.</p>
<p>Scientists believe there may be millions of species in rainforests that haven't been discovered yet.</p>		<p>Equator</p>	<p>The imaginary line that separates the earth into two hemispheres.</p>
		<p>Forest floor</p>	<p>The bottom layer (ground level) of the forest.</p>
		<p>Indigenous</p>	<p>Originating in a region/area e.g. the native tribes are from the Amazon rainforest.</p>
		<p>Rainforest</p>	<p>A rainforest is a dense, damp forest with a huge number of different kinds of plants and animals.</p>
		<p>Tropics</p>	<p>The two parallels north and south of the Equator.</p>
		<p>Tribe</p>	<p>A group of people united by common culture, way of life or live together as a community.</p>
	<p>South America</p>	<p>A continent located in the southern hemisphere, south of the USA.</p>	
	<p>Understory</p>	<p>The cool, dark environment that is between the canopy and the forest floor.</p>	

