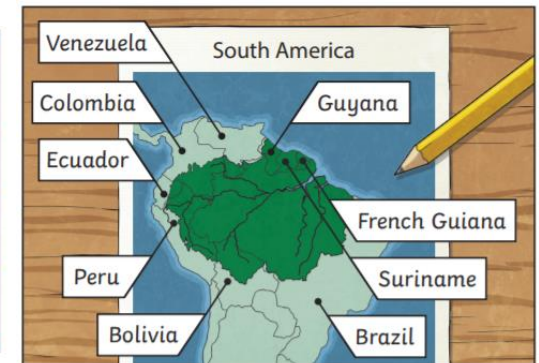
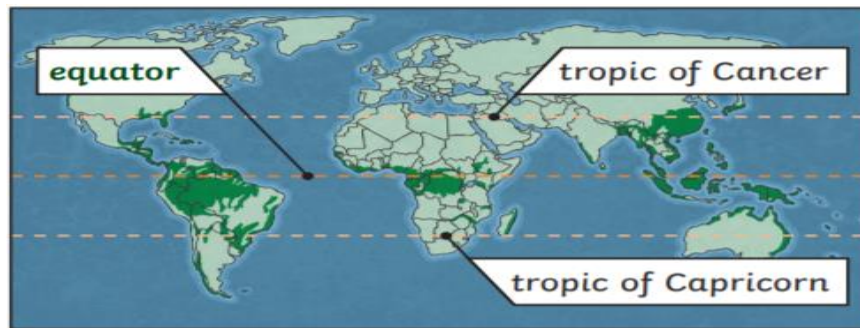
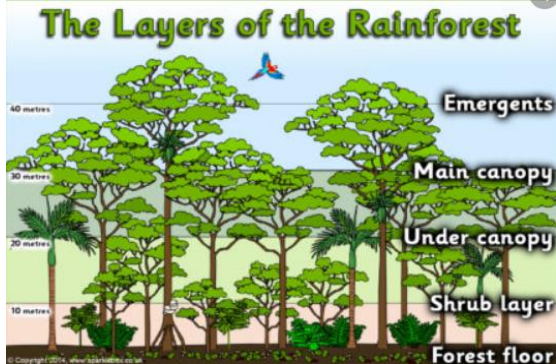


Why are rainforests so important to humans and physical life on Earth?



10 Facts about The Rainforests

- There are 5.5 million square km in area, of rainforests. It used to be more.
- About 30 million species of plants and animals live in the rain forest.
- The rain forests hold more than two-thirds of the world's plant species.
- Many of the food we love comes from the rainforest such as chocolate, pineapple and cinnamon. Rubber and medicines also come from the rain forest.
- Rain forests have a canopy of dense branches and leaves (at the very top of the trees). Most of the rain forest animals and plants live in the canopy.
- It can take ten minutes for a raindrop to fall from the thick canopy to the rain forests floor.
- The Korowai people of New Guinea live in tree house, 45m off the ground.
- Living in Central American rainforests, a sloth can carry algae, beetles and cockroaches in its fur.
- The Amazon rainforest is in South America. It is the biggest rain forest.

Capital cities to know:

- Brazil – **Brasilia**
- Columbia – **Bogota**
- Venezuela - **Caracas**

climate

The average weather conditions over a long period of time.

biome

An ecosystem covering a large area of a continent

Vegetation belt

Plant life within a biome.

deforestation

The cutting down and clearing of forests.

equator

An imaginary circle running around the centre of the earth. See the map.

species

A group of similar animals or plants.

weather

The specific condition on a given day.

humid

Feeling very damp due to water vapour in the air.

native tribes

The original settlers of an area.

