

# Rainforest Vocabulary

<p><i>biodiversity</i></p> <p>The wide variety of living things on the Earth.</p>	<p><i>botanist</i></p> <p>Someone who studies plants.</p>	<p><i>camouflage</i></p> <p>The way that an animal hides itself by changing its body shape or colour to blend into its surroundings.</p>	<p><i>canopy</i></p> <p>The tallest layer of trees in a forest.</p>	<p><i>carbon dioxide</i></p> <p>A gas (also called CO<sub>2</sub>) that is released when fuel burns and when animals breathe. Plants absorb it.</p>
<p><i>climate</i></p> <p>The weather and temperature usually found in an area over a long period of time.</p>	<p><i>cloud forest</i></p> <p>A forest that gets all of its moisture from mist rather than rain.</p>	<p><i>colony</i></p> <p>A group of the same kind of animal that live and work closely together.</p>	<p><i>crown</i></p> <p>The very top of a tree.</p>	<p><i>deforestation</i></p> <p>The destruction of trees over large areas.</p>
<p><i>drip tips</i></p> <p>Pointed tips on leaves that help water to run off them.</p>	<p><i>emergent layer</i></p> <p>Very tall rainforest trees that rise above all the other trees around them.</p>	<p><i>equatorial</i></p> <p>Equatorial rainforests grow near the equator (the area around the middle of the Earth). It is very warm here.</p>	<p><i>evergreen</i></p> <p>Trees that have some leaves all through the year.</p>	<p><i>extinct</i></p> <p>An animal or plant species that has died out completely.</p>
<p><i>habitat</i></p> <p>The place where a living thing makes its home.</p>	<p><i>hibernate</i></p> <p>To sleep without waking or feeding during cold weather.</p>	<p><i>humid</i></p> <p>Having a high level of moisture in the air.</p>	<p><i>indigenous</i></p> <p>A living thing that belongs naturally to an area.</p>	<p><i>liana</i></p> <p>Rope-like plants that grow up trees.</p>
<p><i>monsoon</i></p> <p>Wind that changes direction with the seasons.</p>	<p><i>temperate</i></p> <p>Places where it is neither very hot nor very cold. Usually with warm summers and cool winters.</p>	<p><i>tropical</i></p> <p>Around the middle of the world in the region called the Tropics, where it is very warm all year.</p>	<p><i>understorey</i></p> <p>The layer of vegetation in a forest below the canopy but above the ground.</p>	<p><i>vegetation</i></p> <p>The plant life growing in a certain area.</p>