

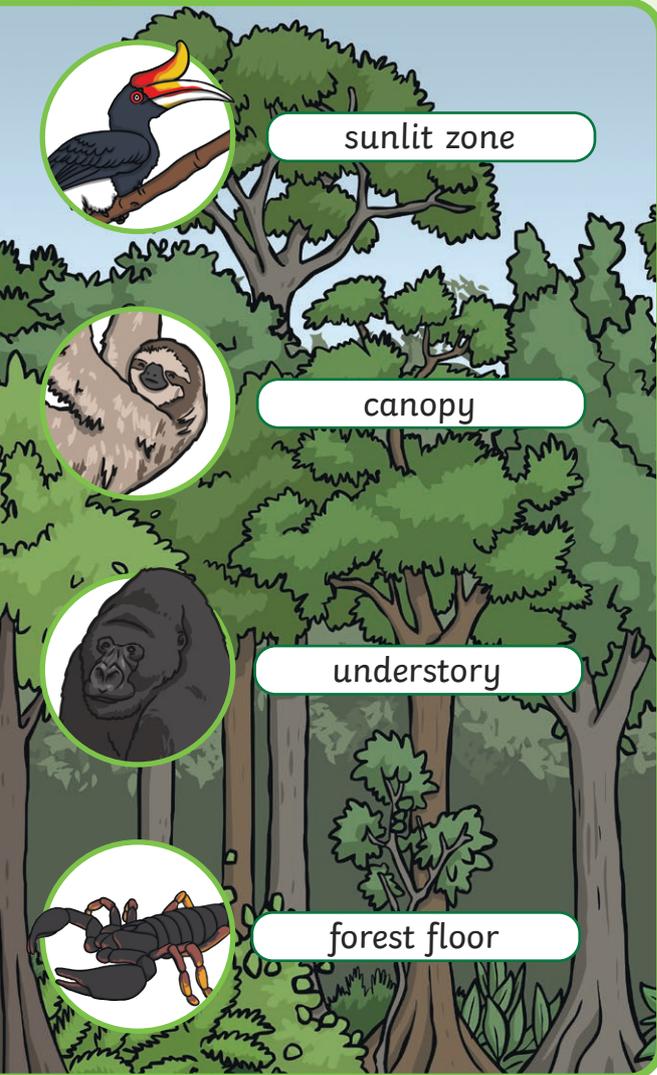
Rainforests

What Is a Rainforest?

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Parts of a Rainforest

A rainforest is made up of different parts.

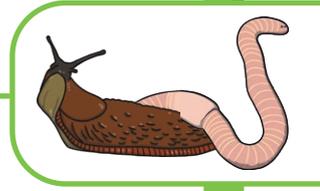


The **sunlit zone** has lots of sunlight and tall trees.

The **canopy** is where the leaves of the trees join up to form a kind of umbrella. Red-eyed tree frogs and toucans are some of the animals that live in the canopy.

The **understory** is found under the canopy.

The **forest floor** is dark, damp and hot.



- Rainforests give us oxygen that we need to breathe.
- We get many things from rainforests such as bananas, chocolate, nuts and rubber.

- Lots of medicines we use come from plants in the rainforest.
- Rainforests are full of lots of different kinds of wildlife. Most of the animals here live in the canopy.

Questions

1. Where are rainforests found? Tick one.

- cold places
- warm places
- icy places

2. What is found in the sunlit zone? Tick one.

- tall trees
- large animals
- rubber

3. What do rainforests give us that we need to breathe? Tick one.

- water
- food
- oxygen

4. What do we get from rainforests? Tick one.

- metal
- nuts
- umbrellas

5. What is the forest floor like? Tick one.

- dark, damp and hot
- cool, dry and hard
- soft, wet and cold

Answers

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2. What is found in the sunlit zone? Tick one.

- tall trees**
- large animals
- sunlight

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- food
- oxygen**

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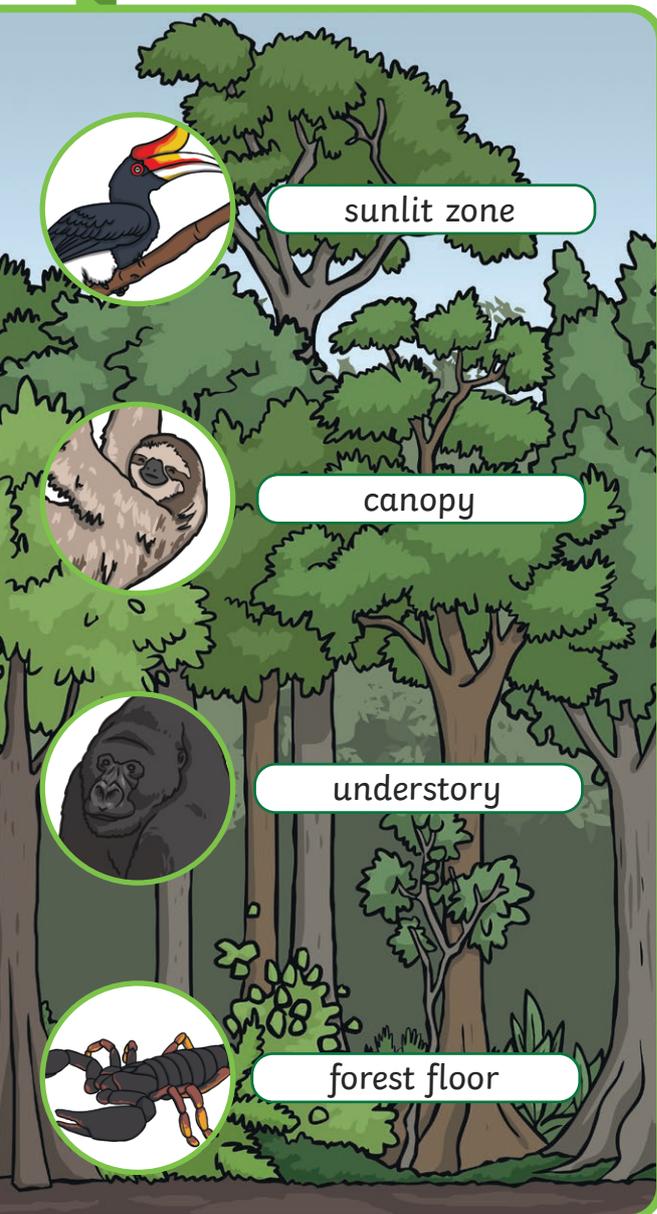
Rainforests

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 and Australia. The largest rainforest is called the Amazon in South America.

Parts of a Rainforest

A rainforest is made up of different layers or parts.



sunlit zone

canopy

understory

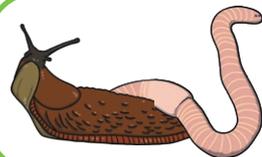
forest floor

The **sunlit zone** has the most sunlight and tallest trees. It is hot, wet and windy up here.

The **canopy** is where the branches of the trees join together. They form a kind of umbrella.

The **understory** is under the canopy. There is not much sunlight here.

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



Animals and Wildlife

Rainforests are full of lots of different kinds of animals and wildlife. There are so many animals, that some have not yet been discovered!

Did You Know...?

- Rainforests get at least 200cm of rain every year.



- Rainforests give us oxygen that we need to breathe.



- We get many things from rainforests such as bananas, chocolate, nuts, coffee and rubber.



- Many of the medicines we use come from plants in the rainforest.



Most of the creatures live in the canopy where it is hot and dry.

The animals move around here by flying, jumping and swinging.

Red-eyed tree frogs, sloths and toucans are some of the animals that live here.

Questions

1. In which hot places are rainforests found? Tick **two**.

- Africa
- Antarctica
- Australia

2. Rainforests produce oxygen. Why do we need this? Tick one.

- for eating
- for breathing
- for medicines

3. A rainforest is made up of different layers.

Draw **four** lines to match each layer to its description.

sunlit zone	This layer is under the canopy. There is not much sunlight here.
canopy	This layer has the most sunlight and tallest trees.
understory	Here it is dark, damp and hot and very little sun reaches the ground.
forest floor	The branches join together here to form a kind of umbrella.

4. In which part of the rainforest do most of the animals live?

5. Find and copy one word that describes how the animals move around the canopy.

Answers

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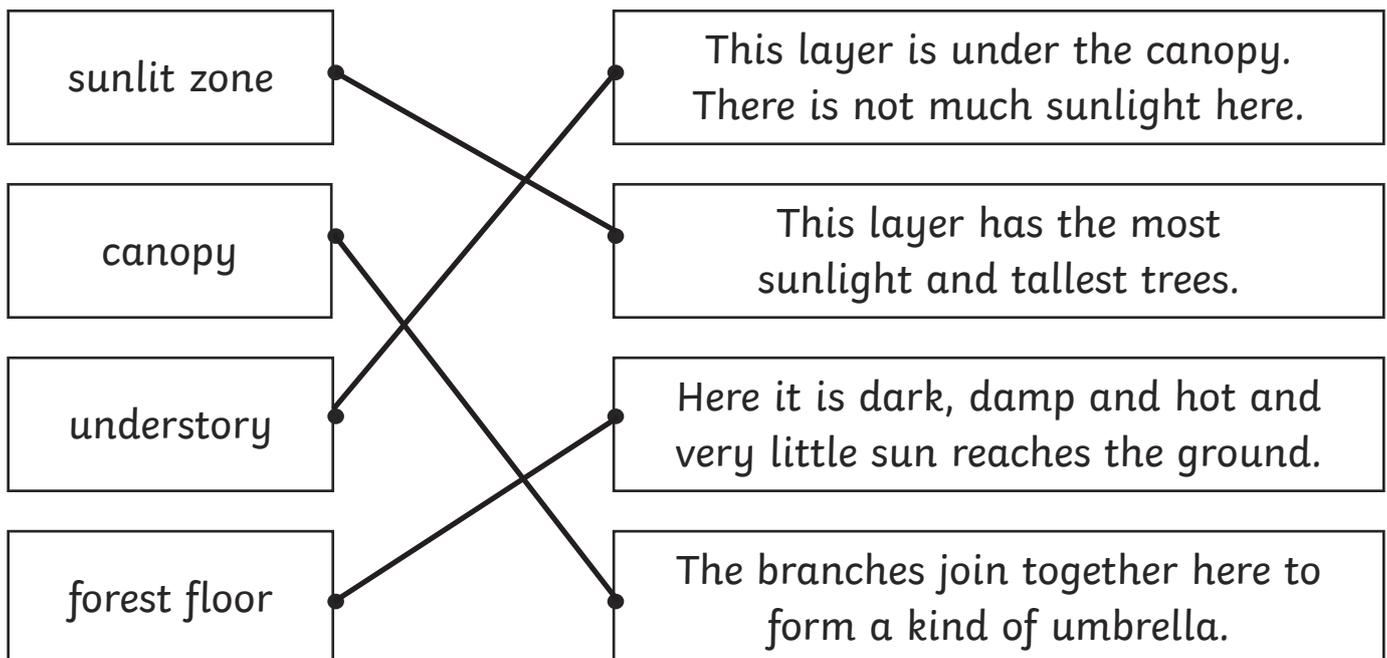
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Most animals live in the canopy.

5. Find and copy one word that describes how the animals move around the canopy.

Accept any of the following: flying, jumping, swinging.

Rainforests

What Is a Rainforest?

Rainforests are large forests that have tall trees, warm weather and lots of different species of animals living there.

They are called rainforests because they get 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.

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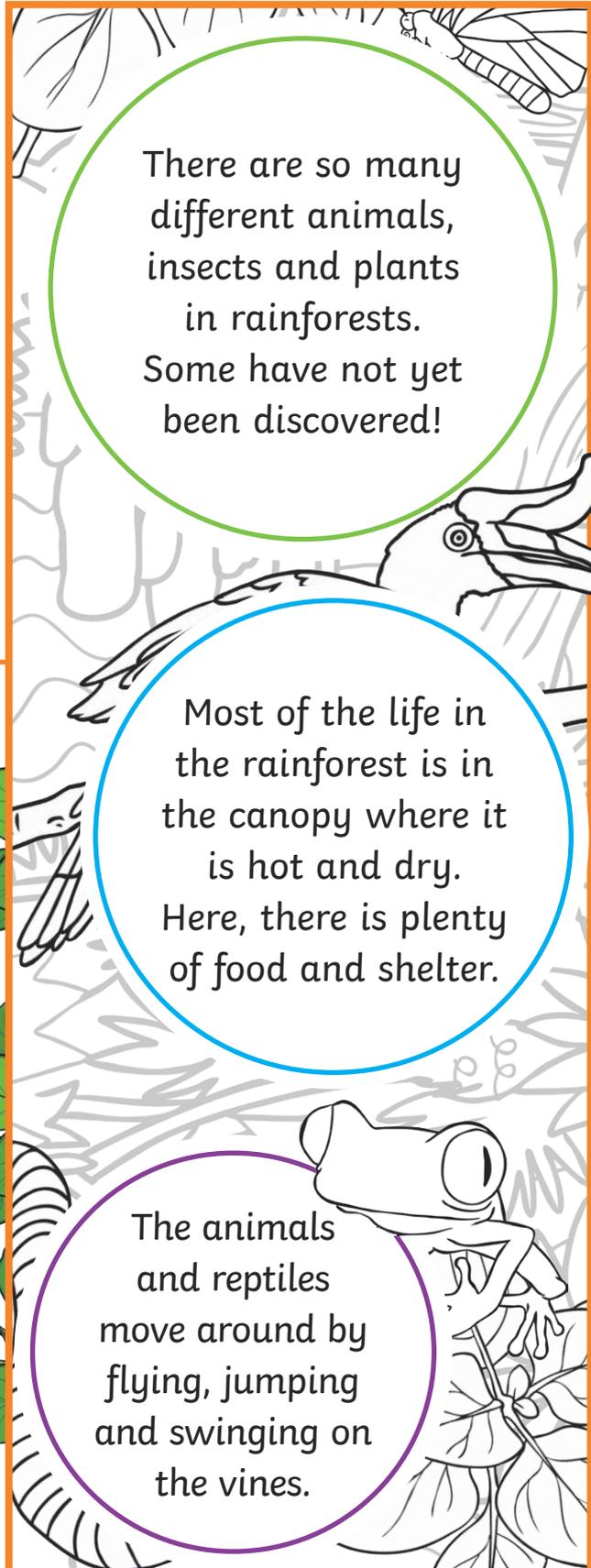
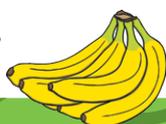
- Rainforests get at least 200cm of rain every year and sometimes more!
- Rainforests produce oxygen that we need to breathe.
- We get many things from rainforests such as bananas, chocolate, nuts, coffee and rubber.
- Around one quarter of the medicines we use come from plants in the rainforest.

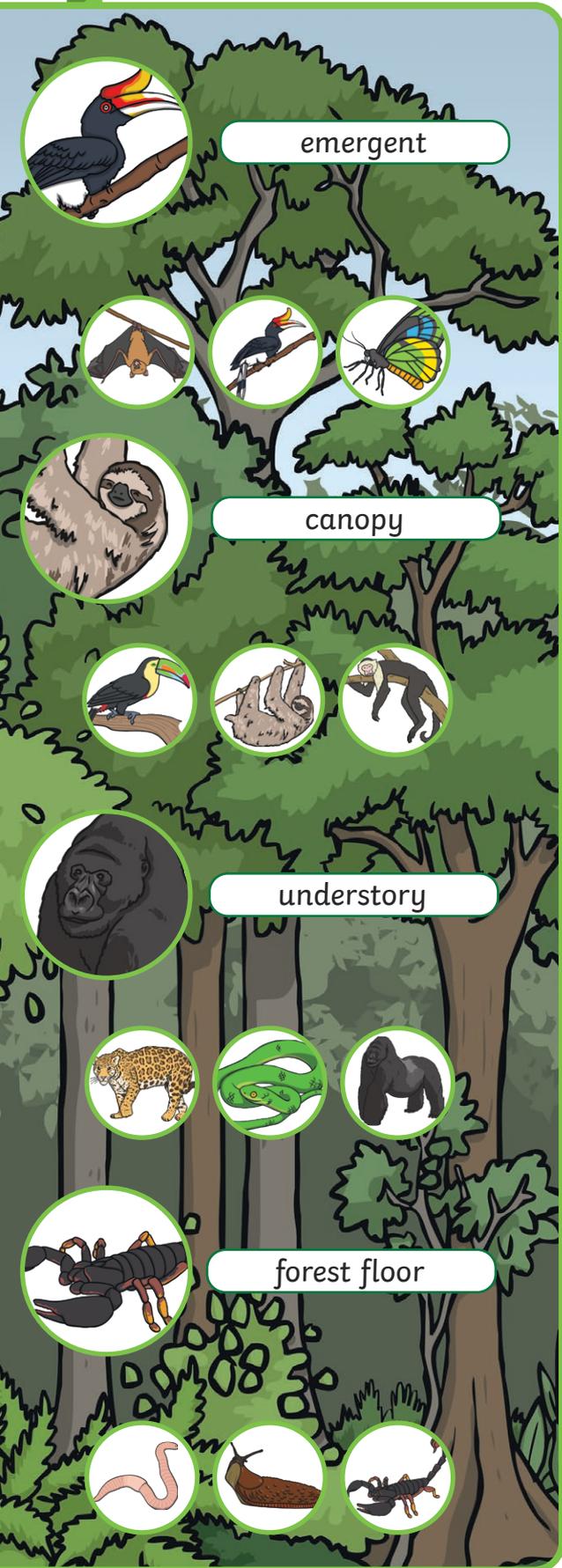
Animals and Wildlife

There are so many different animals, insects and plants in rainforests. Some have not yet been discovered!

Most of the life in the rainforest is in the canopy where it is hot and dry. Here, there is plenty of food and shelter.

The animals and reptiles move around by flying, jumping and swinging on the vines.





emergent

The Emergent Layer

At the top is the emergent layer, also known as the sunlit zone.

This layer has the tallest trees and is sunny, wet and windy. Only a few animals live here such as bats, birds and butterflies.

canopy

The Canopy

This is where the branches and leaves of the trees are so close together that they join up to form a kind of umbrella. This is home to most of the animals and plants of the rainforest such as toucans, sloths, howler monkeys and fig trees.

understory

The Understory

This layer is found under the canopy. It does not get much sunlight. The understory is home to animals such as jaguars, gorillas, elephants and snakes.

forest floor

The Forest Floor

Here it is dark and humid. This means damp and hot. Very little sun reaches the forest floor as the leaves of the canopy block the sunlight. The smaller animals live here, such as slugs, scorpions and worms.

Questions

1. Why have rainforests been given this name?

2. Number the rainforest layers from 1-4, starting with the highest layer. The first one has been done for you.

- forest floor
- 1 emergent
- understory
- canopy

3. Draw **four** lines and match each layer to the animals that live there. The first one has been done for you.

emergent	Animals such as toucans, sloths and howler monkeys live here.
canopy	Only a few animals live here such as bats, birds and butterflies.
understory	The smaller animals live here, such as slugs, scorpions and worms.
forest floor	Home to animals such as jaguars, gorillas, elephants and snakes.

4. Why it is important that we look after our rainforests?

5. Find and copy one word that means the same as 'make'.

6. Fill in the missing word.

Around one _____ of the medicines we use come from plants in the rainforest.

Answers

1. What is a rainforest and why have they been given this name?

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2. Number the rainforest layers from 1-4, starting with the highest layer.
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4 forest floor

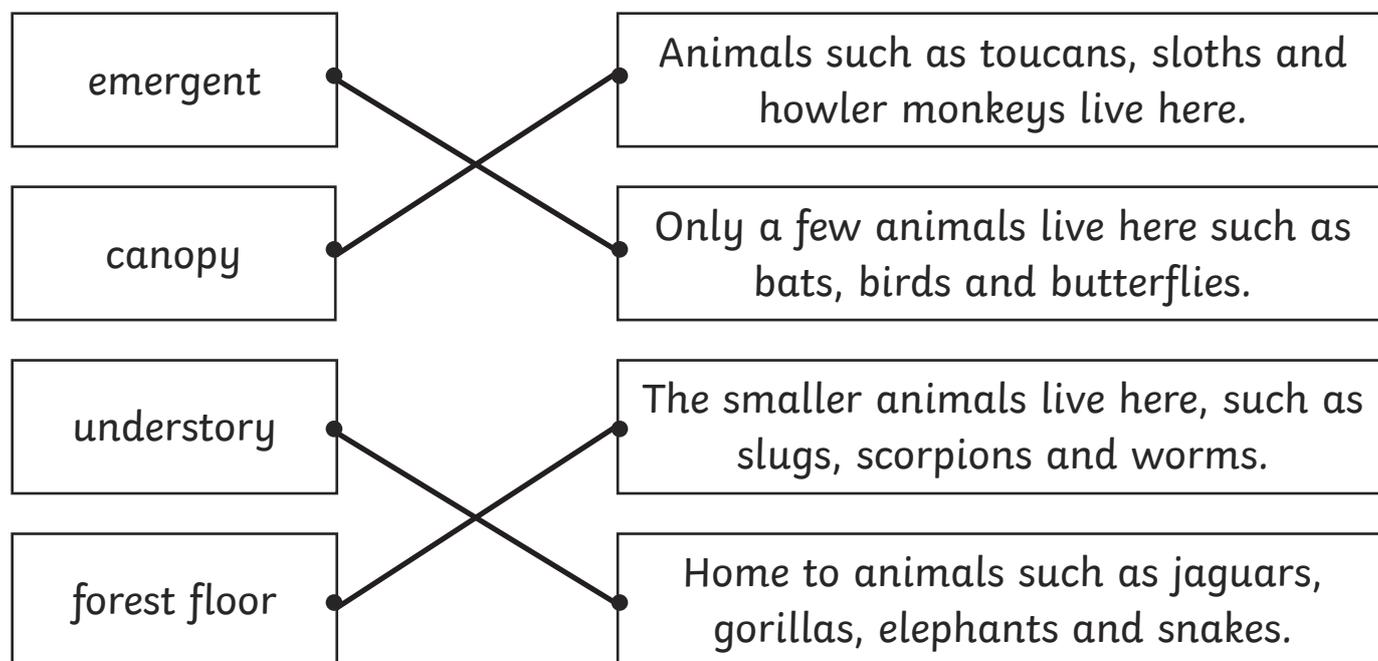
1 emergent

3 understory

2 canopy

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4. Why it is important that we look after our rainforests?

It is important that we look after our rainforests because they give us lots of things we need such as, oxygen, medicines and food.

5. Find and copy one word that means the same as 'make'.

produce

6. Fill in the missing word.

Around one **quarter** of the medicines we use come from plants in the rainforest.