

The Amazon Rain Forest

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While reading

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- 1 Answer these questions (pp. 1–4).
 - a What are the longest rivers in the world?
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 - b What have snow on their tops?
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 - c Who are half Indian and half Portuguese?
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 - d What meets the Amazon River in the middle of Brazil?
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 - e What bring things to Manaus from other countries?
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 - f What is 240 kilometers wide?
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 - g What can eat a man in minutes?
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- 2 The Indians of the forest use the trees for many things. How many uses can you think of? Write a list.
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- 3 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X) about 'What is a Rain Forest' (p. 6)?
 - a Most rain forests grow in countries with very cold weather.
 - b Rain forests are only trees.
 - c A small number of animals and plants live in the rain forest.
 - d There are a lot of different kinds of trees in the rain forests.
 - e Many animals and birds live in trees.

- 4 Finish these sentences about 'Life in Trees' and 'The Weather' (p. 6).
 - a Different plants and animals have their homes on different
 - b Every tree in the forest wants to
 - c Fruits and seeds fall from treetops and
 - d The tallest trees often have
 - e The weather in the Amazon
 - f A rain forest has more than
 - g The air is
 - 1) grow up to the sunlight.
 - 2) grow in the soil.

- 3) does not change much.
- 4) two meters of rain every year.
- 5) hot and wet all the time.
- 6) thick wide roots.
- 7) floors of the rainforest.

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- 5 Put these sentences in the right order, from 1–6.
 - a The big companies built big new roads into the forest.
 - b Chippendale's furniture became popular around the world.
 - c Big companies cut down hardwood trees in large numbers and sold the wood to other countries.
 - d Europeans came to South America for the first time.
 - e European and North American furniture-makers used rain forest hardwood for the first time.
 - f After two hundred years, the best trees were a long way from roads and ships.

- 6 Match the name and the description.

Peru Recife Amazon Jamaica
Thomas Chippendale North American Brazil

 - a made a book with ideas for furniture.
 - b people loved exciting ideas from Europeans.
 - c In people cut hardwood trees year after year.
 - d Some companies around the rain forest sent workers into the forest.
 - e built a lot of new roads into and around the rain forest.
 - f The rain forest roads go from, next to the Atlantic Ocean, to the Andes in

- 7 Underline the wrong words and put the right ones.
 - a The first people in the rain forests were the Europeans.
 - b All the people in the rain forests speak the same language.
 - c No Indians in the rain forest speak Portuguese now.

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- d The people in the rain forest use plants for food and homes.
- e All the people of the rain forest catch fish in the sea.
- f The people of the rain forest make poison from plants and piranhas.

8 Finish these sentences.

- a A lot of the Indians of the rain forest died because the Europeans
- b In the 1960s, the countries of South America started to
- c The people and the visitors on vacation in the rain forest can see
- d With the money from the coffee and the rubber, the Europeans built
- e Almost all the people in Brazil today

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9 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a Jose and Maria live in the rain forest.
- b The Kayapo Indians live in their boats.
- c The Kayapo Indians take Jose and Maria to a different part of the river.
- d The fish are swimming very fast in the pool.
- e The Kayapo Indians use wood from the forest to catch the fish.
- f There is a strong poison in the wood.
- g Jose and Maria help the Kayapo Indians to catch fish.
- h Jose and Maria eat some of the Kayapo Indians' fish.

10 Answer these questions.

- a Where did the taxi driver live when he was a small child?
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- b Why did the taxi driver's family move to the forest?
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- c What did the taxi driver's family plant on their farm?
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- d How long did the taxi driver's family live on their first farm?
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- e Where did the taxi driver's family go to get work?
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- f What kind of trees made Manaus a rich city?
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- g Why did the good times end in the 1920s for Manaus?
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- h How much of Brazil is cattle farms?
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- i Does the cattle farmer want to cut down all of the Amazon rain forest for cattle?
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11 Circle the right answer.

- a In 1992, people from 150 countries met to talk about
1) the Amazon.
2) all rain forests.
3) Rio de Janeiro.
- b We are losing animals and plants from the rain forest
1) every day.
2) only in Brazil.
3) in the future.
- c A new forest is better than
1) an old forest.
2) any forest.
3) no forest.
- d Indians can live in the rain forests and look
1) after them.
2) for them.
3) around them.
- e Rain forest vacation centers will bring more
1) jobs.
2) farms.
3) big companies.
- f Today, the Amazon rain forest is getting
1) bigger.
2) smaller.
3) better.

12 How can you help the Amazon rain forest? Write five ideas.

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- 1 **Underline** the wrong word and put the right one.
- a The Amazon and the Nile are the widest rivers in the world.
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 - b The biggest river in Venezuela is the Amazon.
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 - c There are many bridges over the Amazon river.
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 - d Many people go on holiday to Manaus every year and they go on walks or take boat trips in the lake.
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 - e All of the world's clean water is in the Amazon and its rivers.
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- 2 **Match the questions and the answers.**
- a Why is the air hot and wet all the time?
 - b Why are forests getting smaller?
 - c Why are rain forests important?
 - d Why do people go to the doctor?
 - e Why are doctors interested in the plants of the rain forests?
 - f Why are we worried about the plants in the rain forest?
- 1) Because most water stays in the trees.
 - 2) Because they are disappearing fast.
 - 3) Because we are losing many hundreds of kinds of plants every year.
 - 4) Because they get medicines from them.
 - 5) Because they give us food and medicines.
 - 6) Because they are sick and need medicines.

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- 3 **Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?**
- a The rain forests around the world are disappearing and the weather is changing.
 - b In Jamaica, Cuba and the Americas people never cut down the big hardwood trees.
 - c Brazil built a lot of new roads into and around the rain forest only for the people to use.
 - d There are many Indians who speak different languages and live in different ways living in the rain forests today.
 - e The Indians living in the rain forests move their homes because the soil is tired and dry.

- 4 **Circle the right words.**
- a The *most dangerous* / *weakest* animals in the rain forests are sometimes very small.
 - b The little frogs have a very strong *poison* / *smell*.
 - c The 'Terras Indigenas' are only for *Europeans* / *Indians*.
 - d The first Europeans to come to Brazil were the *Germans* / *Portuguese*.

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- 5 **Finish the sentences.**
- a The old man told Jose and Maria that when the Europeans came to Brazil they brought
 - b The old man told Jose and Maria that the people from the rain forest know more about the plants than
 - c The people of the rain forest get poisons from
 - d The taxi driver told Jose and Maria that when he was a boy
 - e The taxi driver told Jose and Maria that the rain forest next to the roads

- 6 **Choose the right word from the box.**
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|-------|-----------|--------|-------|-----------|
| trips | wonderful | rubber | Paris | buildings |
|-------|-----------|--------|-------|-----------|
- a Manaus is a city.
 - b You can take from the trees year after year.
 - c Manaus is a good place for vacation
 - d A lot of people believe that Manaus is the of the forest.
 - e Manaus is a nice place for vacations because it has nice old to visit.

- 7 **Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?**
- a Maria and Jose know that the Indians and the rain forest are very important for the future of their country.
 - b Year after year the rain forests of the world are getting bigger.
 - c South America, Asia and Africa are having a lot of problems with their forests.
 - d The world's weather is always the same.
 - e Today there are a lot of fires and new farms in the rain forests.