

Geography • Our World : Rainforests *The Amazon*

Key Learning Question: How is the Amazon rainforest used by humans?



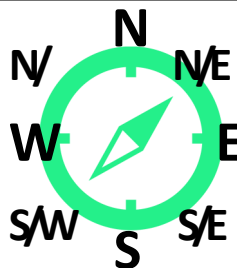
Crucial Knowledge

We are getting better at investigating places:

- The Amazon Rainforest is the largest rainforest in the world.
- The Amazon Rainforest spreads across nine countries in South America.
- The Amazon river flows through the Amazon Rainforest.
- The Amazon is home to more than 30 million people.
- Loggers and farmers are cutting down the trees and causing deforestation.
- The climate of the Amazon is tropical, which means that it's wet and warm.
- People often travel by boat rather than by land.
- 60 % of the Amazon Rainforest is located in Brazil.
- More than 20% of the Amazon Rainforest has been destroyed due to deforestation.
- One fifth of the world's fresh water is in the Amazon Basin.

We are getting better at investigating patterns:

Big Ideas: Continents • Oceans • World's countries • Weather patterns • Physical geographical features • Sustainability



Eight Point Compass:

N/E = Northeast

S/E = Southeast

S/W = Southwest

S/E = Southeast

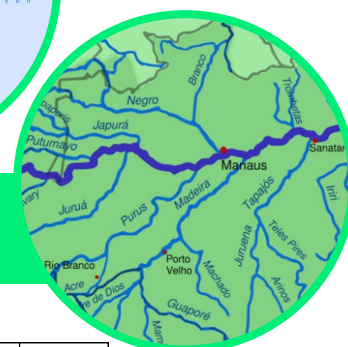


Location Maps



South America

Amazon Basin with tributaries



Key Vocabulary

We are getting better at communicating geographically

Hemisphere: half of the earth (divided by the equator).

Equator: a mapped horizontal line halfway between the north and south poles.

Tropics / Tropical: the mapped area between the Tropic of Cancer and Tropic of Capricorn, either side of the equator.

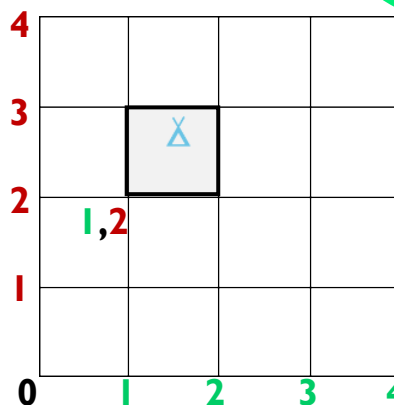
E.g Tropical plants grow in this area.

Climate: weather conditions connected to an area over a long time.

Biodiversity: variety of plant and animal life.

Deforestation: the permanent removal of trees.

Precipitation: water that falls from the clouds.



2 Figure Grid Reference:

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We Are Building Our Knowledge From

- London - Green Spaces (Y3)

This will help when we learn about

- London – Birds and Trees (Y3)
- London – Pollution (Y5)