

RAINFOREST VOCAB QUIZ

MATCH THE WORD ON THE LEFT WITH IT'S DEFINITION ON THE RIGHT

___ Amazon	1) A biologically interdependent region that may be as small as a pond or as big as the entire planet.
___ Buttress	2) The basic category of biological classification composed of related individuals that resemble one another and are able to breed among themselves, producing new plants or animals that share the same traits of their predecessor.
___ Canopy	3) The heating of the lower atmosphere that occurs when carbon dioxide traps heat that would otherwise escape into space.
___ Conservation	4) The second layer of a rainforest, below the canopy that includes small trees & young canopy trees.
___ Deforestation	5) A region that includes most of Brazil and parts of bordering French Guiana, Guyana, Suriname, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia - some six million square kilometers through which drains a complex of rivers.
___ Ecosystem	6) The preservation of natural species and environments from excessive exploitation by humans, involving help from citizens, governments and scientists.
___ Emergent	7) The using of products from nature in a way that will not permanently destroy them for future use; using resources in a way that allows the resources to regenerate before being used again.
___ Extinction	8) The soil above the stony ground which is held in place by the trees. Once the trees are cut down this soil is washed away by rains.
___ Forest Floor	9) The first level of a rainforest, or the ground layer, made up of tree roots, soil and decaying matter.
___ Greenhouse Effect	10) Because the soil is not very fertile in rainforests, the taller trees have developed special roots that give extra support for the tree, since it cannot grow the deep rooting system that such a tall tree would ordinarily need to be stable.
___ Species	11) A community of people who live together with a shared way of life.
___ Sustainable	12) An evergreen forest located at low elevations in regions between the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn characterized by abundant rainfall and very warm weather.
___ Topsoil	13) The uppermost layer of trees in the rainforest, which are also known as the dominants. This fourth layer consists of the tops of the tallest trees.
___ Tribe	14) Occurs when the very last member of any species dies out. This can be caused by the destruction of habitat, over-hunting, or a failure to compete with predators.
___ Tropical Rainforest	15) The destruction of a forest; the long-term or permanent clearing of forests.
___ Understory	16) The third layer of any forest, formed by the lofty parts of the trees. In a tropical rainforest, it is made up of flat-crowned trees.

Answers: 5, 10, 16, 6, 15, 1, 13, 14, 9, 3, 2, 7, 8, 11, 12, 4



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