

# TROPICAL RAINFOREST

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The largest continuous rainforest area on Earth is located in South America. Rainforests are also found in Africa, Southeast Asia, and Australia. Because rainforests are located near the equator, the temperature there is always similar to that of a beautiful summer day in Finland. The heat does not

dry out the forests, because it rains there every day. Rainforests have far more animal and plant species than Finnish forests. Two thirds of all the world's plant and animal species live and grow in rainforests. From a single hectare of rainforest, it is possible to find hundreds of tree species.

## 1 Many different layers of life exist in the rainforest.

Look for animals in Korkeasaari Zoo's tropical houses and think about where they thrive: in the river, on the ground, low down or high up in the trees? Draw the animal or write its name on the appropriate branch, on the ground, or in the water.



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## 2 Step into the rainforest and sense the environment. Write down your observations:

Temperature .....

Humidity .....

Scents .....

Sounds .....

What else? .....

What is the weather like outside today? .....

How does it differ from the rainforest? .....



## 3 Find out which rainforest species is being described.

An enthusiastic nut hoarder .....

The world's smallest monkey .....

Named after an emperor .....

Eats only once every two weeks .....

Warns others of its toxicity with bright colors .....



## 4 Try...

- Jumping like a frog. Frogs catch their food with their tongues. How easy do you think that would be?
- Finding food like a little monkey: during a snack break, close your eyes and try to find something suitable to eat by feeling with your hands.
- Moving like a turtle: the legs are not straight under the body, but first go out to the sides and only then downward.

