



## RAINFOREST ACTIVITY SHEET: TEACHERS NOTES

This is an extra activity if you would like to do some further work about the rainforest.

You will need to print the Rainforest Activity Sheet for each student.

The task is to label the different layers of the rainforest and draw plants, trees and animals that you might find at each layer. These could either be drawn or cut out from magazines and stuck on.

Older children can be given the activity sheet to complete at home with some independent research or as part of a Computer Literacy lesson.

Younger pupils should be able to label the different layers of the rainforest following the Powerpoint presentation. They may need a little more help with which animals live at each layer so there are a few pointers below:

**The Emergent Layer:** Because this layer is so high it is mostly home to birds, bats and small monkeys. This is where Brazil nuts grow so make sure there is a Brazil nut tree drawn at this level!

**The Canopy:** This layer is thought to be home to around 90% of animals in the rainforest, including sloths, monkeys, frogs, insects and birds.

**The Understory:** This layer is dark and holds a high population of frogs, snakes and insects.

**The Forest Floor:** There are a lot of insects that feed on the fallen leaves of the Forest Floor. In the Amazon rainforest this is where you might see jaguars and agoutis. Agoutis are the small rodent-like mammals (they look like long-legged guinea pigs) with very sharp teeth that can break open Brazil nut pods.