

The Rainforest

Geography

Year 3/4

Lesson 1 of 5

Learning Objective		Resources
To find out what a rainforest is and where they are found.		Slides Worksheet 1A/1B/1C/1D/1E World Map sheets Rainforests Map sheets Country Cards (FSD? activity only)
Teaching Input		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you already know about rainforests? What do you think a rainforest is like? Children to think, pair, share their ideas. • Explain that a rainforest is a very dense, hot forest. They are called 'rainforests' because of the high level of rainfall they get each year. • Show children the world map on the slides. Where do you think rainforests would be on this map? Children to think, pair, share their ideas. • Go through the information on the slides about rainforests being between the tropic of Cancer and tropic of Capricorn, and around the equator. • Now show the map of where the rainforests are. Can you name any continents that have rainforests in them? Invite children to share their ideas and then go through the information on the slides. • Repeat this but this time ask for countries that have rainforests in them. 		
Main Activity		
<u>Lower ability:</u> On worksheet 1A, children to colour in the area between the tropic of Cancer and the tropic of Capricorn to show where the tropical rainforests are. When finished, children to use the World Map and the Rainforests Map to list 3 countries that have rainforests in.	<u>Middle ability:</u> On worksheet 1B, children to mark the tropic of Cancer, tropic of Capricorn and equator on the map, then colour to show where the tropical rainforests are found. When finished, children to use the World Map and the Rainforests Map to find 6 countries that have rainforests in.	<u>Higher ability:</u> On worksheet 1C, children to mark the tropic of Cancer, tropic of Capricorn and equator on the map, then colour to show where the tropical rainforests are found. When finished, children to list as many countries as they can that have rainforests in them using the World Map and the Rainforests Map.
Fancy something different...?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In pairs, provide children with a copy of the Rainforests Map, the World Map and Country Cards. Children to choose one card at a time and use both maps to see if it is a country that has areas of rainforest or not. Depending on ability, children to record in worksheet 1D or 1E. For 1E, children may need atlases or access to other books to find out which continent each of the countries are in. 		
Plenary	Assessment Questions	
Ask children to give some feedback on the different countries that have areas of rainforest and locate together on the world map on the slides. Has anyone ever been to any of these countries? What do you think they are like?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can children locate the tropic of Capricorn, tropic of Cancer and equator on a world map? • Do children know that rainforests lie between the two tropics? • Can children name continents and countries that have areas of rainforest? 	