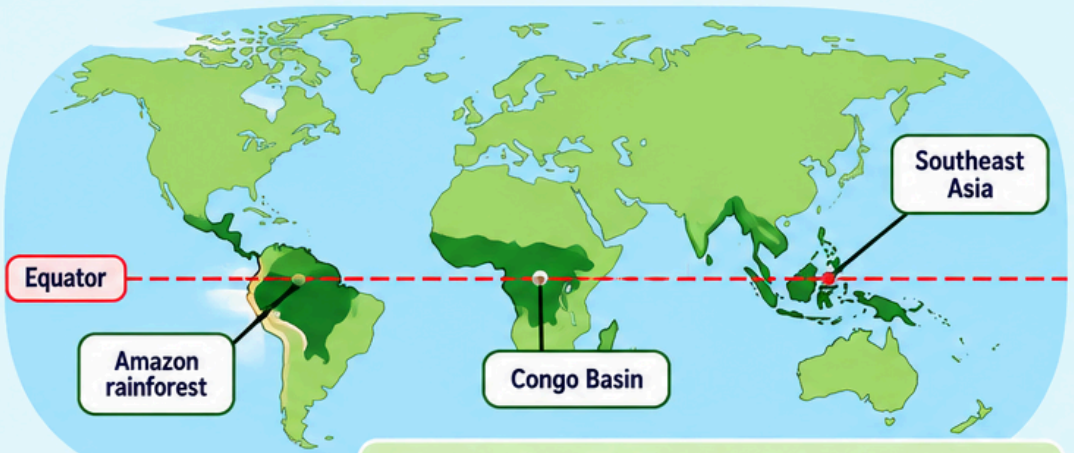
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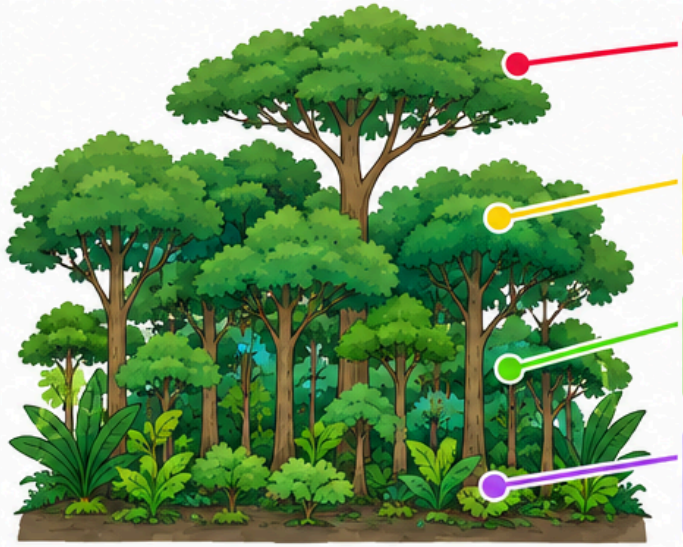
Why are rainforests important to us?

WHERE ARE THE RAINFORESTS?



Tropical rainforests grow in hot, wet places near the Equator.

LAYERS OF THE RAINFOREST



Emergent layer
The tallest trees that get lots of sunlight, rain and wind.

Canopy layer
A layer of overlapping branches and leaves.

Understorey layer
A warm and damp layer with smaller trees and plants.

Forest floor
The ground layer where it is dark, wet and hot.

WHY ARE RAINFORESTS IMPORTANT?

They are home to many plants, animals and people.

Trees absorb carbon dioxide and store carbon.



Rainforests help influence the water cycle.



People use rainforest resources for food, materials and medicines.



SIX KEY WORDS

BUTTRESS ROOTS



Large roots that spread out at the base of a tree to help support it.

CANOPY LAYER



The leafy roof made by the crowns and branches of many trees.

DEFORESTATION



The large-scale cutting down or clearing of trees.

DROUGHT



A long period with very little or no rain.

EMERGENT LAYER



The highest rainforest layer, where the tallest trees rise above the others.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES



The original peoples of a place, with their own cultures and knowledge of the land.

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