

What impacts are humans having on the Amazon rainforest?

Key Vocabulary:

deforestation	The removal of forest.
afforestation	Planting forest where there were previously no trees.
indigenous people	The first group who are native to an area.
ecosystem	A complex group of animals and plants which are connected to their environment and act as one.
biome	A large region of Earth that has a certain climate and certain type of living things.
meander	The shape of the river when water flows in a curvy bendy path.
delta	A triangle of sand and soil deposited at the mouth of some large rivers.
erosion	Wearing away of the earth's surface by wind or water.
deposition	When soil or sand are dropped in a different place by water or wind.
river current	The movement of water in the river when it goes along.
river course	The direction and route the river flows
biodiversity	The range of different plant and animal life found in a habitat

The Amazon Rainforest:



Key Facts:

The Amazon Rainforest is often called the lungs of the Earth because it produces over 20% of the world's oxygen supply thanks to all of its trees.

The Amazon is the world's largest tropical rainforest.

There are many types of rare plants that live in the Amazon Rainforest - around 40,000 different species.

The Amazon rainforest has lost about 20% of its area in the last 40 years, with an area the size of five football pitches cleared every minute.

The trees in the rainforest are so thick, the floor of the Amazon is always in complete darkness.

When it rains, it takes 10 minutes for the water to go through the leaves and hit the ground.