

# All About Our Earth's Ecosystems!

# TROPICAL RAINFOREST

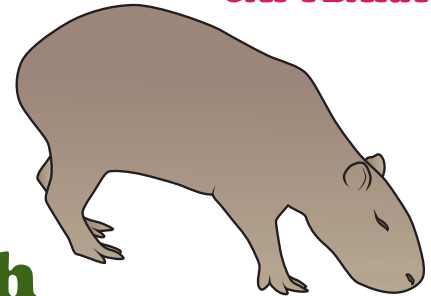
## About Tropical Rainforests:

Tropical rainforests are forests of tall trees in locations of very warm and wet weather. They are home to a huge number of different plants, insects and animals. Even though tropical rainforests now cover six percent of the Earth's land surface, it is estimated that they hold more than half of the world's species! There is a huge variety of insects such as ants, butterflies, moths, dragonflies, and beetles. Animals that can be found in tropical rainforests include birds such as toucans, birds of paradise, and parrots, mammals such as monkeys, rhinos, tapirs, bats, apes, and tigers, and reptiles and amphibians like frogs, pythons, vipers, and lizards. Many of these organisms are endangered.

**POISON DART FROG**



**CAPYBARA**



## Tropical Rainforest Stats:

- Tropical rainforests are divided into four layers: at the bottom is the forest floor, which is completely shaded by the canopy above. Next is the understory, which is made up of shorter trees. The upper canopy is next and it is a thick layer of foliage. Above that is the emergent layer, which are trees that are taller than the canopy.

- Tropical rainforests generally receive an average of 50 - 260 inches of rain a year!

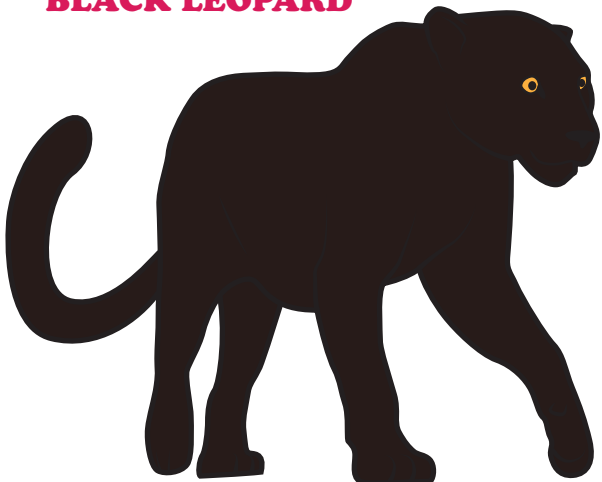
- Many lifesaving medicines have been made from plants that grow in the rainforest, including medicines that treat malaria and leukemia.

- Many popular foods come from the rainforest, including coffee, chocolate, banana, avocado, mango, and sugarcane.

## Word Search



**BLACK LEOPARD**



**Find the tropical rainforest terms below in the word search. They can be horizontal or vertical.**

- 1) HUMID
- 2) MONKEY
- 3) TAPIR
- 4) GECKO
- 5) OCELOT
- 6) TOUCAN
- 7) CHAMELEON
- 8) FOLIAGE