Rainforests

Name and Class

Read the information on the [Learning about Rainforests](http://www.srl.caltech.edu/personnel/krubal/rainforest/serve_home.html) webpage to help answer these questions and to complete these tasks. When you have answered all of the questions, format the document using font styles to emphasise the subheadings.

What is a rainforest?

Find four adjectives that could be used to describe rainforests

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List three things that people use that come from rainforests

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Complete the table about the four layers of the rainforest

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| Layer | Description | Plants | Animals |
|  | Tallest trees, plenty of sunlight | Broad-leafed, hardwood evergreens |  |
| Canopy |  |  | Many animal species including snakes, toucans, tree frogs |
|  | Darker area beneath the canopy with less sunshine |  | jaguars, red-eyed tree frogs, leopards, insects |
| Forest Floor |  | Almost no plants growing, decaying leaves |  |

Which continents have rainforests?

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Use the map and other information on the webpage to make these statements true.

Rainforests are found on every continent of the world.

Rainforests are found mostly near the poles.

All rainforests are found near the coast of a continent or land mass.

The Amazon River is the longest in the world.

Burma has the largest area of mangrove forests in the world.

Madagascar is near South America.

The tropical forests of Australia obtain moisture from the wet winds blowing from the Indian Ocean.

Rainforests are home to very few species of plants and animals.

Plants of the Rainforest

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| Large roots that grow out from the base of tall trees to provide extra support |  |
| Relatives of the pineapple that catch water in their thick, waxy leaves |  |
| Plants, also known as air plants, that grow on trees, especially on trunks and branches |  |
| Roots that help to stabilise plants that grow near the water or in very moist soil |  |
| Plants that obtain nutrients from insects and other small animals |  |
| A tall tree that starts life as an epiphyte and sends roots down to the ground, eventually taking over from the host  |  |
| Beautiful flowers that can grow as epiphytes |  |
| A type of vine with thick woody stems |  |
| Rainforest decomposers |  |

Animals of the Rainforest

Read the information about the fascinating animals of the rainforest from the webpage. Use your own words to write sentences telling something interesting about each animal.

Spider monkey

Toucan

Poison-Arrow Frog

Macaw

Sloth

People of the Rainforest

Who are the people that live in the Amazon? What shape house do they live in?

[Preserving the rainforest](http://www.srl.caltech.edu/personnel/krubal/rainforest/Edit560s6/www/preserve.html)

There are four paragraphs in this [section](http://www.srl.caltech.edu/personnel/krubal/rainforest/Edit560s6/www/preserve.html). Read each paragraph and determine the main idea of each. Write one sentence to summarise the main idea of each paragraph in your own words.