

Animals of the Rainforest

Rainforest Calling



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Emerald Tree Boa

The emerald tree boa is a non-venomous snake, which is often found in the Amazon rainforest.

Appearance

- Emerald tree boas are bright green with a yellow underside.
- They have an irregular, zigzag pattern along their back.
- Adult emerald tree boas can grow to reach up to 2 metres.
- They have a pair of long, sharp teeth, pointed backwards.
- Their heads are relatively large and flat.

Diet

- They feed mostly on small mammals such as rats, bats and possums.



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Habitat

- Emerald tree boas live in the trees of the Amazon rainforest.
- They can also often be found near rivers or swamps but are not dependent on open water.

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Red-Eyed Tree Frog

The red-eyed tree frog is just one of many species of frog that lives in the rainforest.

Appearance

- They are known for having huge, bright red eyes.
- The rest of their body is neon green with blue and yellow at the sides.
- They have specially adapted suction-cup toes which help them to cling on to tree branches and leaves.

Diet

- The red-eyed tree frogs' prey includes moths, crickets, flies and grasshoppers.

Habitat

- They are commonly found in the tropical lowland rainforests or surrounding hills.
- They commonly inhabit areas close to rivers or ponds.



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Scarlet Macaw

The scarlet macaw is one of at least 17 known species of macaws. Most are intelligent, social birds.

Appearance

- Despite their name, scarlet macaws are multicoloured: red, yellow and blue.
- They have large, powerful beaks.
- Their bodies are between 80cm to 90cm long.

Diet

- They mostly eat fruit and seeds or nuts, but can also eat insects.

Habitat

- They thrive in the tropical, humid atmosphere of the rainforest.
- They are usually found in the emergent or canopy layers of the forest.



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Jaguar

The jaguar is a member of the wild cat family that can be found in the rainforest regions.

Appearance

- They are famous for their beautiful, spotted coats.
- They can reach up to six feet in length, from their nose to the tip of their tail.
- They have powerful jaws and sharp teeth.

Diet

- Jaguars are carnivores with an extensive list of possible meals including squirrels, deer and monkeys.

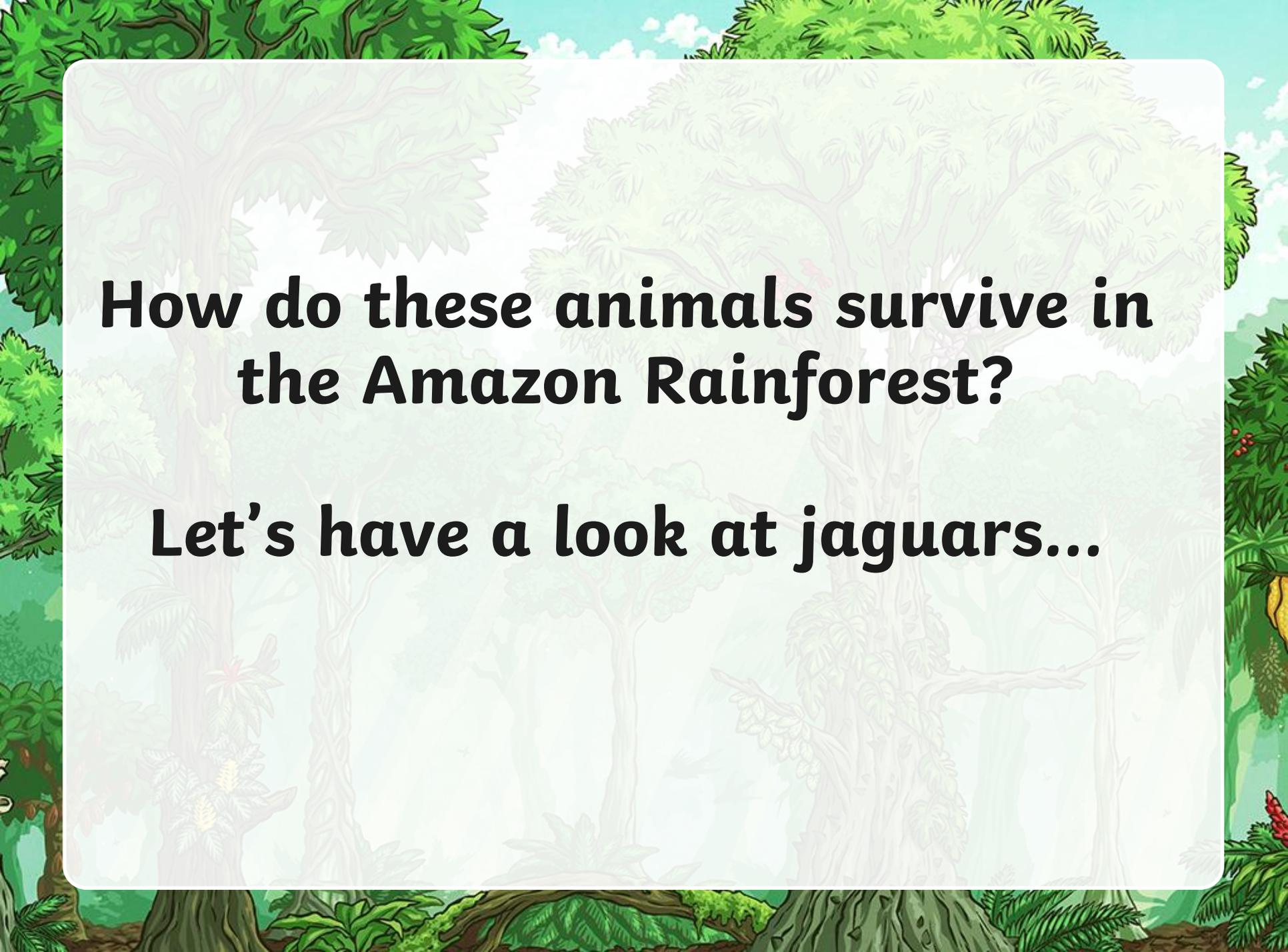
Habitat

- Jaguars are found in rainforests as well as grasslands and woodlands.
- They spend much of their time on the ground or the forest floor, using their soft padded paws to stalk quietly through the undergrowth.



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**How do these animals survive in
the Amazon Rainforest?**

Let's have a look at jaguars...

Jaguar



Jaguars have extremely strong jaws, allowing them to bite and kill their prey more efficiently than any big cat.

Jaguars have a long, strong tail that helps them balance and change direction quickly when running.

They can climb trees to catch food and sleep away from predators.

They are good swimmers which allow them to hunt and catch prey that live in the water or on the other side of the river. This also helps them cool down in the heat.

Jaguar



They have padded paws that allow them to walk quietly through the rainforest. They also have excellent eyesight, making them good hunters. They are mainly nocturnal which also helps them have the advantage whilst hunting.

Their colourful, patterned fur acts as camouflage.

They have a varied diet, ranging from snails to monkeys, meaning they rarely struggle to find food.

Your mission: Choose an animal and find out how it survives in the Amazon.

Here are some animals you could choose from:



Toucan



Spider monkey



Anaconda



Piranha



Poison dart frog



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