



Rainforest Habitat

3RD GRADE • 4TH GRADE

SUMMER LESSONS



Extended Learning Partnership

Rainforest: What is a Habitat?

During the rainforest video, you probably noticed how unique rainforest animals look! Like animals in other habitats, rainforest animals have special parts of their body that help them survive. We can see some of these on the outside of their bodies, but some animals have special structures inside their bodies, too. We call these special body structures **adaptations**.

Let's take a closer look at some of these rainforest animals and talk about how these adaptations help them survive.

Activity:

- Let's learn how to identify an adaptation. Watch the rainforest video again and pick one of the animals. Use the video to answer the questions below.
 - Example:
 - My animal is a tiger.
 - Something it has on or inside its body is orange and black stripes.
 - This helps it survive by using camouflage to hide in its habitat.
 - My animal is a _____
 - Something it has on or inside its body is _____
 - This helps it survive by _____
- Now, it's your turn to make some adaptations! Create your very own rainforest animal in the space below. Think about what adaptations you can give your animal to help it survive in the rainforest. Draw a picture, and then fill in the sentences with information about your new animal.
 - My animal is called _____
 - One adaptation it has is _____
 - This adaptation helps it survive by _____

Writing prompt:

- Your friend Jake doesn't like the rainforest, and he doesn't think that rainforest animals are very special. Try to change his mind! Pick a rainforest animal and write him a letter explaining why you think that animal is special.

Math:

- A tree in a rainforest has four branches. There are seven frogs living on each branch. How many total frogs live on this tree?
- A different tree has 36 frogs living on it. Is this number less than, greater than, or equal to the number of frogs from the first tree?

Check for Understanding:

- Are a tiger's stripes an adaptation for living in the rainforest?

