



Rainforest Habitat

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SUMMER LESSONS



Extended Learning Partnership

Rainforest: What is a Bird? What is an amphibian?

Rainforests are a kind of forest habitat. They are found in warm places and are full of many tall trees and different types of plants. It's called '**rainforest**' because it also gets a lot of rain every year, helping all the plants grow. The rainforest habitats are very important because the plants help to make oxygen that all living things need to breathe. Rainforests are also full of millions of different kinds of animals and insects. Because there are so many trees and plants, that means that there are a lot of places for an animal to make their homes and to find food.

Birds: There are many birds that live in the rainforest. A bird is an animal with a backbone, feathers on its skin, and lays egg where their babies will hatch out of. The feathers of birds can come in many different colors. All birds have a beak for a mouth. The shape of their beak will depend on the kinds of things that each bird eats. Some eat fruit or seeds, some eat insects, and some eat meat. Birds also have two feet and two wings. Most birds can fly with their wings, but some cannot fly. Many birds in the rainforest live in the middle and the tops of the trees because they can fly to get around.

Amphibians: In the Rainforest there is a special kind of frog called a poison dart frog. Frogs, toads, and salamanders are in a group of animals called Amphibians. Amphibians have a backbone and have wet skin. Because the rainforest gets lots of rain, this makes a great habitat for the frogs. They live the first part of their lives in the water, and the last part of their life on the land. When they hatch from their eggs, amphibians have gills so they can breathe in the water. A baby frog is called a tadpole and they have fins to help them swim, just like fish. Later, their bodies go through a change called a metamorphosis, as they grow legs and their bodies change into an adult frog. An adult poison dart frog got its name because their skin is poisonous. They have very bright colors (like red, yellow, and blue) to warn off any animal that might try to eat them that they are poisonous. If another animal tries to eat them, that animal will get very sick. Most animals in the rainforest know to leave the brightly colored poison dart frogs alone.

Activity:

- We get so many things from rainforest plants. Look around your house and see how many of these do you have in your home right now?
 - Bananas
 - Chocolate
 - Coffee
 - Nuts
 - Coconut
 - Cinnamon
 - Rubber
 - Avocado
 - Lemon
 - Sugar

Writing prompt:

- Go outside and look in your own habitat for some birds. Draw a picture of the bird or birds that you see. Try to add details about the things you learned about birds today (example: wings, beak, color of their feathers)

Math:

- Fresno and Madera get about 13 inches of rain in one year. A rainforest can get over 100 inches of rain in one year. With the help of an adult and a ruler or a tape measure, first measure how long 13 inches of rain would be. Then measure how long 100 inches of rain would be.

Check for Understanding:

- Name something that you learned about an amphibian today.

