

Cut out these cards and choose some of them to help you design a life to survive in the tropical rainforest.

<p>Only 2% of sunlight reaches the rainforest floor.</p>	<p>If the Amazon rainforest was a country it would be the ninth largest in the world.</p>
<p>More than 2000 species of fish have been identified in the Amazon River - more than the Atlantic Ocean!</p>	<p>The Amazon River is 14000 miles long and there are millions of miles of tributary rivers.</p>
<p>It is estimated that a single hectare (2.47 acres) of Amazon rainforest contains about 900 tons of living plants, including more than 750 types of trees and 1500 other plants.</p>	<p>Of the estimated 3000 edible fruits found in the rainforest, only 200 are cultivated for use today, despite the fact that the Indians used more than 1500.</p>
<p>There are 250000 Amerindians living in the Amazon, this comprises 215 ethnic groups with 170 different languages. Nationwide, they live in 526 territories, which together compose an area of 190 million acres.</p>	<p>The water level in the Amazon River can fluctuate by as much as 40 feet (12 m). The lowest levels occur in the months of August to September, and the highest levels occur in April and May.</p>
<p>When the water is at its high point the Amazon River can be as wide as 300 miles (560 km), and at this time up to 500 billion cubic feet (14 billion m<sup>3</sup>) of water surge out to sea per day.</p>	<p>Rain falls approximately 250 days of the year.</p> <p>The temperature of the rainforest remains constant - between 27-28°C.</p>
<p>There is 2.5m of rainfall per year in the Amazon, with the trees creating half of this.</p>	<p>Between 60-90% of animals live in the canopy section (2<sup>nd</sup> highest level of trees) of the rainforest.</p>
<p>The tallest trees (the emergents) can grow up to 240 feet tall!</p>	