



The Rainforest

Flipbook & Printables



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Teacher Instructions

HOW TO PUT THE FLIP BOOK TOGETHER

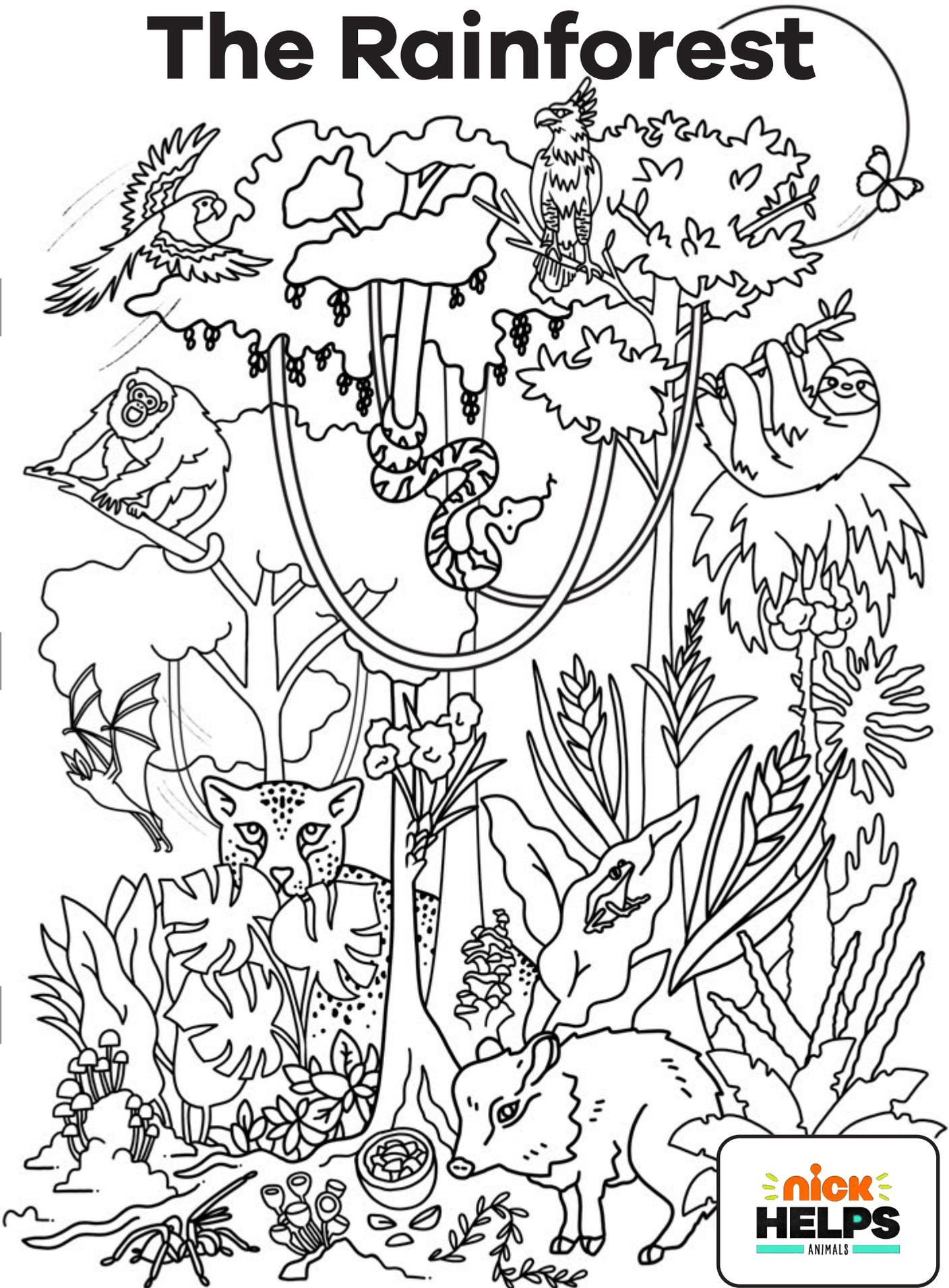
1. Print or copy each page for as many booklets as you need.
2. On the cover page, cut off the right side strip (as indicated). On the interior pages, cut around the tabs on the right side strip.
3. Staple the booklet together along the left-hand side, as indicated.

Fill in the Blanks

1. Pass out scissors and glue sticks.
2. Instruct students to cut out the squares on the AMAZON RAINFOREST MATCH page and discard the scraps.
3. Have children match the images in the squares to the descriptions in the Flip Book, then glue them in place.



The Rainforest



Staple here

Cut Out





Scarlet Macaw

A large and colorful parrot with bright red feathers on

most of its body and yellow and blue feathers on its wings. Uses its strong hooked beak to break open nuts and seeds. This noisy bird's loud squawks and shrieks can be heard for miles.

GLUE ANIMAL
CUTOUT HERE

Brazil Nut Tree

Can live more than 1,000 years. Produces a fruit called Brazil nuts, which grow inside a rock-hard pod.

Ripe pods fall to the forest floor. People must use sharp tools to get to the nuts inside. Only one animal has jaws strong enough to open the pods—the agouti.



Capuchin Monkey

Harpy Eagle

The heaviest and most powerful bird of prey. It has a wingspan of up to 6.5 feet and 5-inch-long, razor-sharp talons.

The crest of feathers on the top of its head make it easy to identify. Harpies prey on sloths, monkeys, snakes, and iguanas.

GLUE ANIMAL
CUTOUT HERE



Morpho Butterfly

The EMERGENT LAYER of a tropical rainforest is sunny and breezy. The treetop branches have small, waxy leaves. Trees that form the emergent layer of the Amazon Rainforest grow as tall as 200 feet. These include the kapok tree and Brazil nut tree.



Bromeliad The Water Tank Plant

A plant that grows on trees. It has long, curved leaves and a bowl-shaped base. Water flows down these leaves and collects in the base. Animals visit these plants to drink water.

GLUE ANIMAL
CUTOUT HERE

Black Howler Monkey

Howl so loudly you can hear them from three miles away. Live in small troupes of 4–19 members. Males are black, and females are brown. They eat flowers, fruits, and leaves.

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GLUE ANIMAL
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Two-Toed Sloth

A slow-moving, furry mammal that feeds on leaves in the canopy. They hang upside down from tree branches, using their strong, hook-shaped toes. Algae grows in their fur, helping camouflage them.



Emerald Tree Boa



Toco Toucan

In the CANOPY LAYER of a tropical rainforest, leaves, branches, and vines grow very close together. It is so thick that sunlight, rainfall, and wind cannot pass through. Flowers and fruits grow in great numbers and feed the canopy's residents. More animals live in the canopy than in any other layer of the rainforest. And many of them are very noisy!

Cut Out

CANOPY

Cut Out



The **UNDERSTORY LAYER** of a tropical rainforest is shady, warm, and damp. The low light makes it easy for large and small animals to hide. The plants in this layer have larger leaves than canopy plants. Their large flowers attract pollinators with bright colors and strong scents.

Greater Bulldog Bat

The face of this large bat looks like that of a bulldog. It has long, narrow wings, pointed ears, and very large hind feet. It eats fish and insects.

GLUE ANIMAL
CUTOUT HERE

Sparkling Violetear Hummingbird



Cut Out

Heliconia Stricta—Lobster Claw Flowers

A plant with bright red and yellow flowers that are shaped like lobster claws. Hummingbirds, like the sparkling violetear, feed on the flowers' nectar.



UNDERSTORY



Jaguar

GLUE ANIMAL
CUTOUT HERE

Red-Eyed Tree Frog

A small, bright green tree frog with red eyes. It uses sticky pads on its fingers and toes to climb slippery

branches and leaves. It eats insects and is active mostly at night.

Cut Out

The **FOREST FLOOR** of a tropical rainforest is so dark that it is difficult for plants to grow. Leaves that fall to the floor decay quickly. Termites, leaf-cutter ants, worms, and fungi, like mushrooms, help to decompose, or break down, any organic material that falls to the floor. Animals such as peccaries, armadillos, and anteaters feast on these decomposers.

Hercules Beetle



Goliath Birdeater Tarantula

The size of a dinner plate with its legs spread out. Can eat small birds but prefers large insects, small rodents, and frogs. It paralyzes prey with venom from its inch-long fangs, then drags the animal back to its burrow to eat.

GLUE ANIMAL
CUTOUT HERE



Leaf-Cutter Ants

GLUE ANIMAL
CUTOUT HERE

Collared Peccary

A hoofed mammal that looks and sounds like a furry wild pig. Also called javelina.



Agouti

A rodent that looks like a large, slender guinea pig. Can crack open Brazil nut pods with its sharp front teeth.

Colombian Cup Fungi



Bright orange, cup-shaped mushrooms. Feed on rotting wood.



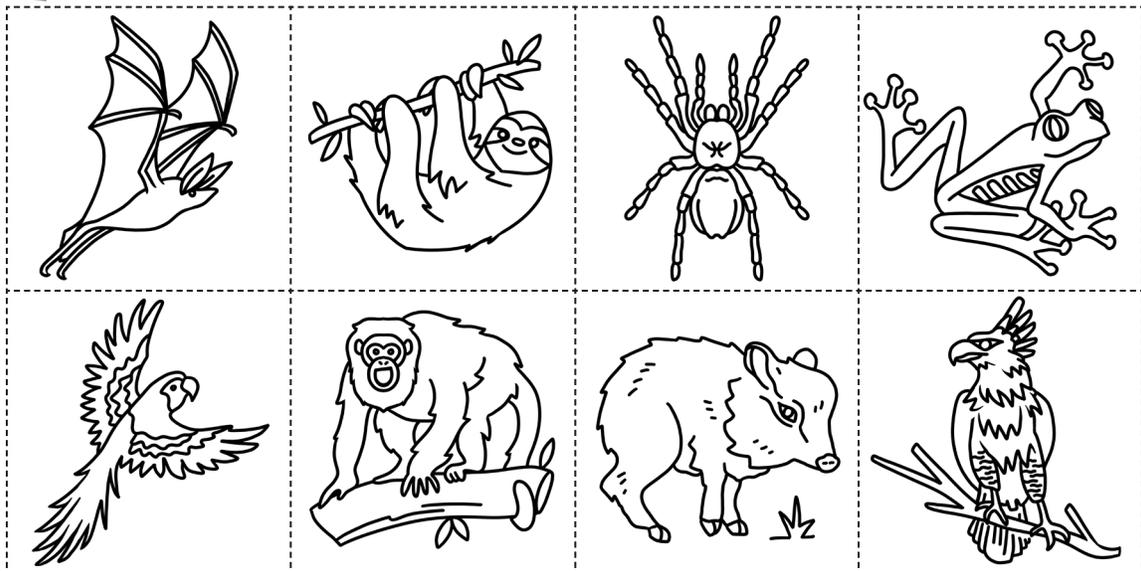
Cut Out

FLOOR

Amazon Rainforest Match

Instructions

1. Cut out each square. Use the dotted lines as a guide to help you.
2. Match the images to the descriptions in your Amazon Rainforest Flip Book.





Index

Instructions

An index is an alphabetical list of names and topics along with the page numbers where they are discussed. The index helps the reader find important words and topics.

Create an index for this flip book, using the word bank on this page. Find the word in the flip book then write the word and page number in this glossary in alphabetical order.

WORD BANK

PARROT

WINGSPAN

EMERGENT

CANOPY

UNDERSTORY

FLOOR

MAMMAL

TROUPES

CAMOUFLAGE

HIND

DECOMPOSE

PARALYZES

BURROW

GUINEA PIG

ALGAE

PREY

BONUS

Can you find these words on more than one page?

CREST

RESIDENTS

FANGS



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Name _____

Use information from your Amazon Rainforest Flip Book to answer the questions.

1. In which level do most rainforest animals live? _____
2. What animal has jaws that are strong enough to crack open Brazil nut pods? _____
3. Which level of the rainforest gets the most sunlight? _____
4. What lobster-shaped flower does the sparkling violetear hummingbird like to feed from? _____

Fill in the blanks.

1. The calls of the _____ are so loud that you can hear them from miles away.
2. The _____ is a big furry spider that is large enough to eat small birds.
3. The body of the scarlet macaw is covered in bright _____ feathers, and it has yellow and blue feathers on its wings.



What do you think?

Why do you think camouflage is important for animals?



Answer Key

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Use information from your Amazon Rainforest Flip Book to answer the questions.

- In which level do most rainforest animals live? **canopy**
- What animal has jaws that are strong enough to crack open Brazil nut pods? **Agouti**
- Which level of the rainforest gets the most sunlight? **emergent**
- What lobster-shaped flower does the sparkling violetear hummingbird like to feed from? **heliconia stricta**

Fill in the blanks.

- The calls of the **howler monkey** are so loud that you can hear them from miles away.
- The **goliath birdeater tarantula** is a big furry spider that is large enough to eat small birds.
- The body of the scarlet macaw is covered in bright **red** feathers, and it has yellow and blue feathers on its wings.

What do you think?
Why do you think camouflage is important for animals?
Answers will vary.

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Scarlet Macaw
A large and colorful bird with bright red, yellow, and blue feathers. It has a crest of feathers on its forehead and uses its strong hooked beak to crack open large seeds. This way, it's food is easy to digest.

Small Nut Tree
Can live more than 1000 years. Produces thick-walled Brazil nuts which grow inside a thick shell that stays put for a long time. People must use sharp tools to get to the nut inside. They are called "the golden nut" because they are so valuable.

Hairy Eagle
The fastest and most powerful bird of prey. It has a wingspan of 10 feet. It has a long, hooked beak and sharp talons. It lives in the top of the forest. It feeds on other birds, monkeys, snakes, and iguanas.

Amazon Butterfly

Strawhead The Water Tree Plant
A plant that grows in swamps. It has long, curved leaves and a thick, round stem. When there is a lot of water, the leaves and stem rise up out of the water. Animals like these plants to drink water.

Black Howler Monkey
Has a loud, wailing cry that can be heard for miles. It has a long tail and a face that is mostly black. It lives in the canopy of the forest.

Two-headed Snake
A rare snake that has two heads. They hang upside down from trees and eat their prey. They are found in the rainforest.

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Blue Poison

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Greater Bulldog Bat
The largest of the large bat species that live in the forest. It has long, narrow wings and a long, pointed snout. It eats insects and small mammals.

Sparkling Violetear Hummingbird

Heliconia Stricta - Lobster Claw Flowers
A plant with bright red and yellow flowers that you might see in the forest. The flowers are shaped like lobster claws. They are found in the understory.

Red-eyed Tree Frog
A small, bright green frog with red eyes. It is found in the understory of the forest.

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Ant
A small insect that lives on the forest floor. It has six legs and antennae. It eats dead leaves and other organic matter.

Goliath Birdeater Tarantula
The size of a dinner plate with its legs spread out. It can eat small mammals, birds, and lizards. It is found in the forest floor.

Coloured Poison
A bright, colorful snake that lives on the forest floor. It is very poisonous and is found in the forest floor.