



Brazil is the largest country in South America and the 5th largest in the world. It covers nearly half the entire continent. Over half the population of South America live in Brazil. The capital city is Brasilia, but Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro are more famous cities.

Human Geography: The Christ the Redeemer statue overlooks Rio de Janeiro.

Physical Geography: Northern Brazil is mostly taken by the Amazon River and the jungles that surround it.

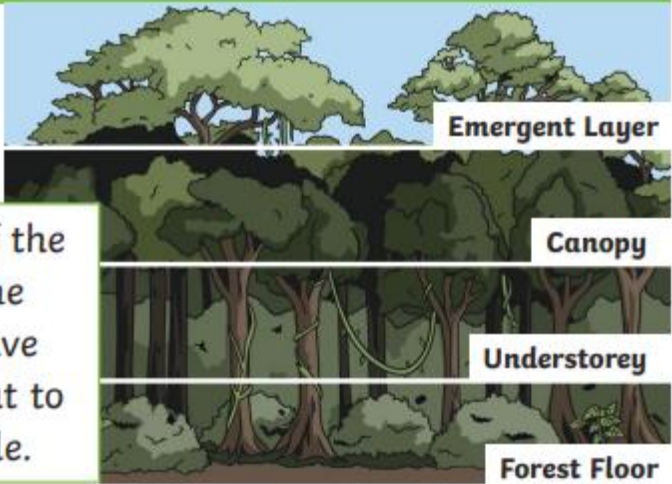
Brazil was colonised by the Portuguese in 1530. It regained independence in 1822.

Layers of the Rainforest

A rainforest is made up of many different layers.

The Emergent Layer

The emergent layer is made up of the tallest trees in the rainforest. Some can reach 70 metres tall. They have huge leafy **crowns** that spread out to catch as much sunlight as possible.



Location of Tropical Rainforests



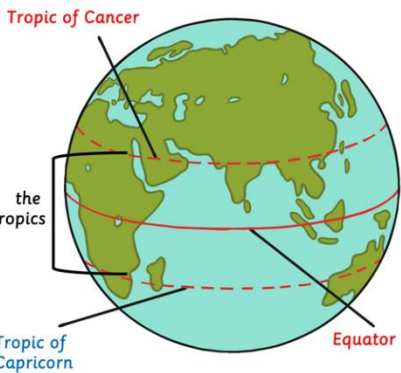
A rainforest is a very **dense**, warm and wet forest with a tropical **climate**.

They are habitats for millions of different animals and plants.

Key Vocabulary

climate	The average weather conditions over a long period of time.
dense	Closely packed together.
equator	An imaginary circle around the Earth which divides it into two equal parts.
humid	Feeling very damp due to water vapour in the air.
oxygen	The gas that humans and animals need to breathe in order to stay alive.
species	A group of similar animals or plants.
tropical	Somewhere that is warm all year round, but which has rainy seasons.

The plants of the Earth's rainforests produce most of the world's **oxygen**.



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