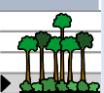
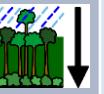
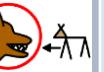


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Vocabulary		Rainforest Animals	Map of South America
equator 	An imaginary line around the middle of the Earth.	macaw (bird)  Long tailed, colourful type of parrot.	
deforestation 	The destruction of trees in a large area.	tapir (herbivorous mammal)  Similar in shape to a pig. Tapirs live in South America near water and have long snouts.	
forest floor 	The ground beneath the trees of a forest consisting of roots and soil.	poison dart frog (amphibian)  Colourful frog with toxins in their skin. The skin is brightly coloured to keep predators away.	
understory 	The layer of the rainforest underneath the canopy. It is hot and damp. Bushes and young trees grow here.	jaguar (carnivorous mammal)  The biggest predator in the Amazon Rainforest. Usually a lone, nocturnal hunter which leaps on its prey from above.	
canopy 	A layer of overlapping trees and plants above the ground.	piranha (fish)  These sharp-toothed meat-eating fish can devour cattle and even humans. Attacks are rare.	
emergent 	The top layer of the rainforest. There is a lot of sunlight and the tallest trees grow to this level.	caiman (reptile)  Type of alligator. Lie in shallow water and feed on land animals that come close to the water edge.	
habitat 	The natural environment where an animal or plant normally lives	sloth (mammal)  Moves very slowly through the trees, so not to attract attention. Very endangered.	
biome 	A large area inhabited by plants and animals that live together e.g. rainforest, desert.		
indigenous 	Belonging to the country in which they are found, rather than being brought there from another country.		
predator 	An animal that hunts, kills, and eats other animals		
tribe 	A group of people who live together, sharing the same language, culture, and history.	Reasons for Deforestation <i>Palm oil</i> - produced in trees in the Amazon and used in salad dressings, washing powder and fuels.	
agriculture 	The science of farming and the methods that are used to raise and look after crops and animals.	<i>Cattle ranches</i> - around 10 million cattle in the Amazon region. Raised for consumption by humans. <i>Medicinal plants</i> - curare is produced in the Amazon (used by surgeons)	

Map of South America



South America is the world's fourth largest **continent** and is divided **politically** into **12 independent countries**— Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil (largest), Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname (smallest), Uruguay and Venezuela.

This continent stretches from just above the equator down towards the Antarctic and it is **connected** to North America by land.

Species of plants in the rainforest

Rubber tree, orchid, cacao, giant water lilies, banana tree.