



# Year 5 The Amazon

## Key vocabulary

<b>waterfall</b>	water, especially from a river or stream, dropping from a higher to a lower point often from great height
<b>basin</b>	the area of land from where streams run into a river, lake or sea.
<b>indigenous</b>	people who originally lived in a place rather than people who moved there from somewhere else.
<b>ecosystem</b>	all the living things in an area and how they affect each other and the environment.
<b>interact</b>	to work together or have an effect on one another.
<b>nutrients</b>	any substance that plants or animals need in order to live
<b>situated</b>	to be in a particular position.
<b>canopy</b>	branches and leaves that spread out at the top of a group of trees forming a type of roof.
<b>deforested</b>	to cut down or destroy trees in an area.
<b>rainforest</b>	a forest in a tropical area that receives a lot of rain.
<b>humid</b>	air that contains extremely small drops of water.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Av. Temp (°C)	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	27	28	28	27	26
Av. Rain (cm)	32	33	40	39	33	20	13	11	13	16	19	30

The Amazon rainforest gets rain all year round. The temperatures are never low and there is not a season where trees lose their leaves. During rainy season, it is hot most of the time and thunderstorms are common.



The Amazon River has a number of sources. This is one of the river's tributaries high in the Andes mountains of Peru. The water is very turbulent because it is flowing around many rocks.

Although 80% of the land where indigenous people live is protected by law, there can still be problems with illegal mining and logging. There are also conflicts between groups of people over land use.



## Land use in the Amazon



The Amazon River has many tributaries and each one has its own name such as the Madeira or the Japura.



The Amazon is a vast biome that spans across eight countries in South America. Most of the rainforest is in Brazil.

Parts of an ecosystem such as sunlight, water, animals are plants, are all linked together in flows or cycles.

