



A Journey Through the Rainforest



Read the passage below and answer the questions on the next page.

In the heart of our big, beautiful world, you will find a magical place called the rainforest. The rainforest is like a gigantic, colorful umbrella of green, filled with all sorts of fascinating plants and animals.

The rainforest has four different layers. Let's imagine we're birds flying over it. The first layer we see is the emergent layer. This is where the tallest trees, sometimes as tall as a 14-story building, peek out. Eagles, bats, and butterflies like to hang out here.

Diving lower, we meet the canopy layer. This layer is full of umbrella-like trees that provide a roof for the rest of the rainforest. Creatures such as monkeys, frogs, and sloths call this layer home.

Next is the understory layer. This part is darker, as it's shadowed by the canopy layer. You might find jaguars, leopards, and many insects here.

The lowest layer is the forest floor. It's the darkest and coolest part of the rainforest, where the biggest animals like elephants and tigers live.

1) What is the main idea of the passage?

2. What are the four layers of the rainforest mentioned in the passage?

3) Which layer of the rainforest is the darkest and why?

4) Describe one animal that lives in the canopy layer and one animal that lives on the forest floor.

5) How are the emergent layer and the understory layer different?
