

RainForest Scavenger Hunt Answers: Grades K-3

1. Almost every animal in the rainforest depends on trees. Marmosets and tamarins and orangutans live in trees. Without trees, they would have no home. Orangutans, sloths, bats, capybaras, and langurs are herbivores: they need to eat plants to survive. If plants, fruit, and trees are destroyed, they will have no food. Humans need trees, too. Trees create the oxygen that we need to breathe. Humans eat the fruit of many trees, including bananas, avocados, and mangos.
2. Frogs and toads use camouflage to hide from predators. To protect themselves from getting eaten, they blend into their habitats.
3. Fruit bats are very social. They live in very large groups in the wild. They often cuddle together to sleep. They also often huddle together and clean each other.
4. Lizards use their tongues to smell! They stick out their tongues to catch a smell and then put their tongue on the roof of their mouth to smell the scent. Smelling the air helps them find food or another lizard.
5. Turtle and tortoise shells are a defense against predators. Turtles and tortoises can crawl inside of their shells when a predator comes so they do not get eaten. Shells are also a form of shelter, like a house you can take with you everywhere.
6. Porcupines use their quills to protect themselves from predators. They are sharp and porcupines use them to stick predators if they get too close.
7. Sloths use their long, curved claws to hang onto tree branches. Sloths are very slow. They cannot run or jump, but they can climb very well.
8. Scarlet macaws are mostly red, but also have blue and yellow feathers. The scarlet ibis and spoonbills are pink or red. The aracari is green, yellow, and red. The doves and ducks are brown, black, and white.
9. The agouti, capybara, and chevrotain are all herbivores, they eat plants. They are also all prey to larger animals like jaguars, ocelots, and other big cats. Fishing cats and ocelots are carnivores, they eat meat. They often hunt and eat fish and small animals like chevrotains and agoutis.
10. Orangutans have hands like us and use their fingers to pick things up and explore. Orangutans, especially young ones, love to play, just like human kids. They run, swing, and jump and play with toys. Parent orangutans take care of their babies just like human parents, too. Orangutans have more hair than humans do and use their feet more than we do, too. Orangutans are also much stronger than humans, too.