

## Rainforests – Rainforest Creativity

### Tree-tastic!

One area of Rainforest the size of a football pitch could contain as many as 100 different species of tree with as many as 80 other plants living off each tree!

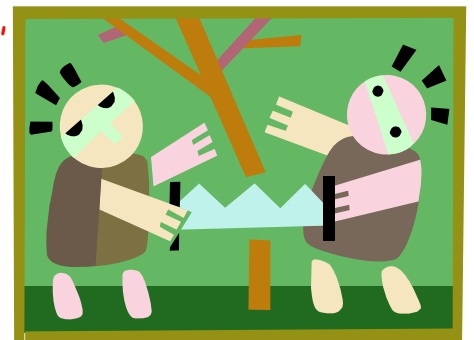
Plants are very useful things for humans, giving us food (fruits), food for animals, shelter, medicine, paper, clothing and soil production as well as the materials for making lots of other things!

**Earth's lungs**  
Some people refer to the Rainforest as the lungs of the Earth as trees and plants soak up carbon dioxide and release oxygen.



### Yanomami Tribe

Before Europeans 'discovered' Brazil, there were more than 1000 tribes living there, with as many as 4 million people. There are still 220 tribes today, speaking more than 180 different languages!



One of the biggest is the Yanomami Tribe, who have been around for 100s, maybe 1000s of years. Until 1910, the Yanomami tribe only met with other tribes living in the area. From then, other people began to use the forest, collecting rubber from the trees and trading modern things with the Yanomami tribe, who liked this but would sometimes catch diseases from the outsiders. Land was cleared so farms could be built and sawmills set up to cut up the trees that were being cut down. In 1976, the government of Brazil opened a road through the rainforest, destroying everything in its path and clearing more forest for houses. At the same time, gold was discovered and 40,000 gold miners moved to the area by 1987. Now the gold has gone and so have the miners, leaving a much smaller forest for the Yanomami tribe...

### Nature's Paintbrush!

Plants can be used as dyes to make materials different colours!

Pokeweed (berries)

Red leaves

Dandelion (root)

Beetroot

(deep red)

Red onion (skins)

Strawberries

Cherries

Raspberries

Roses, with a

little mint and

lemon juice!

Walnuts

Tea bags

Coffee grinds

Onion peel

Lichen (gold)

Saffron

Spinach leaves

Nettle

Lily-of-the-Valley

Blueberries

Grapes

Blackberry