Super English



Unit 6 - Lesson 1 - The Amazon



Vocabulary







rainforest: a forest in a tropical area that receives a lot of rain (n)





The hikers saw many amazing animals hiking through the rainforest.



diverse: including many different types of people or things (adj)





The staff at this company is very diverse, having workers from many different countries.





sustain: to support something allowing it to continue for a period of time (v)





A healthy ecosystem **sustains** life on Earth. Nutrient-rich soil and water **sustain** plant growth.





vegetation: plant life or total plant cover (as of an area) (n)

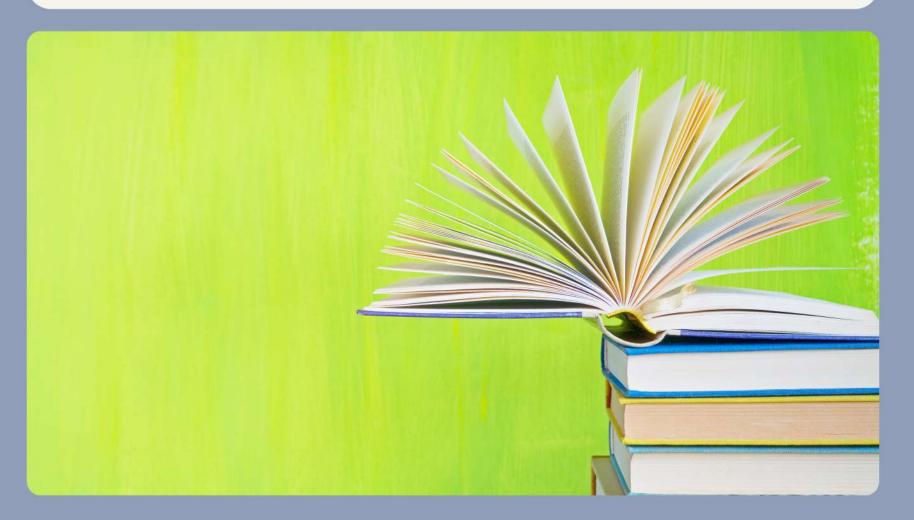




A jungle has a lot of **vegetation** and animal life.



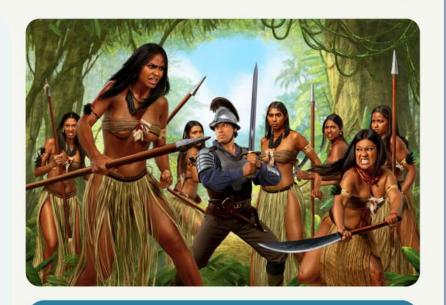
Reading





Warriors and Legends

The Amazon got its name from a Spanish explorer named Francisco de Orellana. While traveling through the thick jungle, he claimed he was attacked by fierce female warriors from the Tapuyas tribe. He thought they were like the powerful Amazon women from Greek mythology. Whether his story was true or just a wild exaggeration, the name stuck, and the world's biggest rainforest became forever known as the Amazon. Pretty epic origin story, right?



- 1. How did the Amazon rainforest get its name?
- 2.Do you think Orellana's story was true or exaggerated? Why?



The Biggest Rainforest Ever



- 1. What happens every year in the rainforest regarding new species?
- 2. Would you be excited or scared to explore a rainforest full of unknown animals?

The Amazon rainforest is gigantic seriously, it covers 5.5 million square kilometers and stretches across 9 countries in South America. It's also the most biologically diverse place on the planet. Scientists estimate around 30 million species live there, from giant anacondas to tiny butterflies. And new species are discovered every single year. Imagine walking through and finding a bug no one has ever seen before. That's how packed with life this place is.



Grammar





Relative Clause

A **relative clause** gives us more information about something. It is sometimes called an **adjective clause**.

It can modify the subject or the object of a sentence.

We use relative pronouns to introduce relative clauses.

- who and whom for people
- which for things
- that for people or things



The girl, who is 4 years old, is putting on her shoes.



Let's Talk!





Dialogue 1: Amazon Adventure? Nope.

Maya: Dude, can you imagine exploring the Amazon rainforest?

Leo: Yeah, and instantly getting eaten alive by mosquitoes the size of birds.

Maya: At least you'd be in the most diverse place on Earth.

Leo: Diverse? More like terrifying. One snake bite and you're done.

Maya: Chill, that's what medicine from Amazon plants is for.

Leo: If scientists ever finish studying them, which they haven't.

Question: Would you be brave enough to spend a week in the rainforest? Why or why not?



Unlocking Word Parts





Suffix -ic / -ical

Adding the suffix -ic / -ical is used to mean "related to, connected with, or having the nature of."

poetic

historic

comic

metallic

symbolic

dramatic

tragic



poetical

historical

comical

alphabetical

biological

magical

musical



See you next time!

