

Rainforests

Name _____

Rainforests are very important to the world's overall health. Sometimes called the "lungs of the earth," rainforests absorb much of the world's carbon dioxide and produce much of its oxygen. Although rainforests only cover about six percent of the world, they hold over fifty percent of the world's species. Jaguars, parrots, sloths, and monkeys are just a few of the species found in rainforests. There are thought to be 30 million different kinds of insects in the Amazon Rainforest alone! Many species remain yet to be discovered.

Rainforests are important in other ways too. Important products are harvested from rainforests including medicines, rubber, coffee, fruit, tea, lumber, and others.

1. Which of the following IS NOT true?

- A. Rainforests absorb oxygen
- B. Rainforests hold over 50 percent of all the Earth's species
- C. Rainforests cover six percent of the Earth's surface
- D. There are 30 million kinds of insects in the Amazon Rainforest

2. Which of the following would be the best title for this passage?

- A. The Undiscovered Animals of the Rainforest
- B. Rainforest Animals
- C. The Wonders of the Rainforest
- D. The Amazon Rainforest

3. Rainforests... (circle all that apply)

- A. cover fifty percent of the earth and hold six percent of its species.
- B. are not very important to the health of the world.
- C. are important to the world in many ways.
- D. contain animals and plants yet to be discovered.

4. Circle the items below that might include products from the rainforest.

- A. computers
- B. car
- C. doctor's office
- D. house