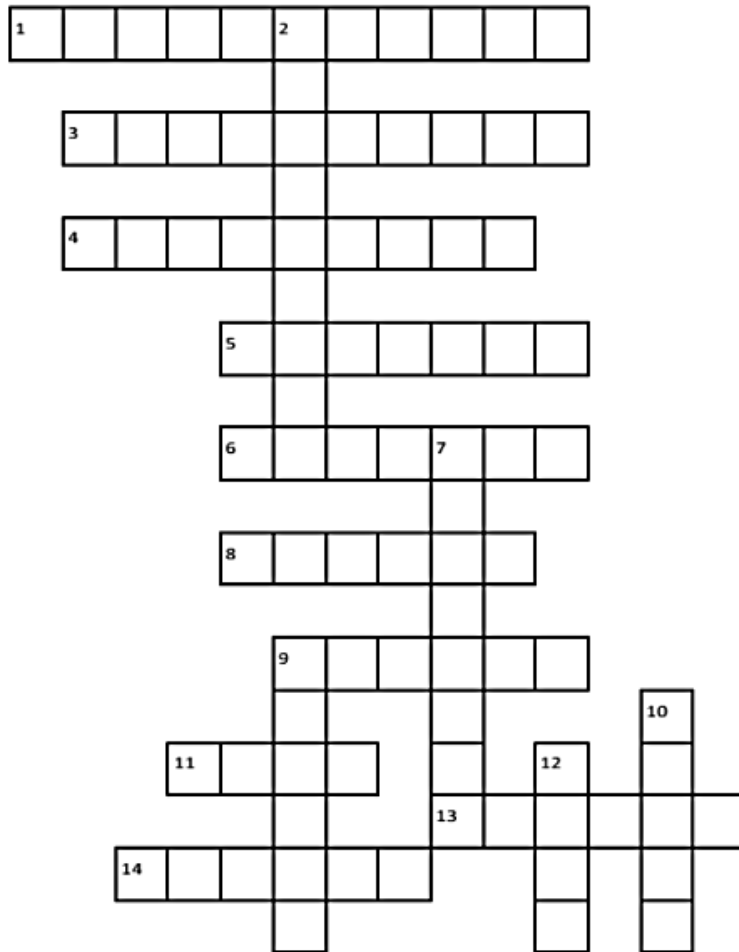


# Tropical Rainforests Crossword

With warm weather year-round and lots of water, the rainforest is one of Earth's most diverse ecosystems. As many as 50 million species live in tropical rainforests, and there are many more yet to be discovered! Put your knowledge of this ecosystem to the test.



## Across

1. Animals and plants that break down leaves on the forest floor
3. The dark layer around the tree trunks
4. Furry omnivore also known as a bearcat
5. Sharp-toothed fish living in the Amazon river
6. Tree-dwelling cat with a big bite
8. Black bird with a long, colorful beak
9. Another name for the treetop habitat
11. The rainforest gets at least 75 inches of this a year
13. The largest rainforest in the world
14. A long, yellow rainforest fruit

## Down

2. In the rainforest, these spiny critters live in trees
7. The heaviest snake in the world
9. Cousin to alligators and crocodiles
10. Slow-moving, treetop mammal
12. A large piranha cousin that loves fruit

## ANSWER KEY

1. DECOMPOSERS 2. PORCUPINE 3. UNDERSTORY 4. BINTURONG 5. PIRANHA 6. LEOPARD 7. ANACONDA 8. TOUCAN 9. (across) CANOPY (down) CAIMAN 10. SLOTH 11. RAIN 12. PACU 13. AMAZON 14. BANANA