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Figure 1

Biodiversity	The variety of plants and animals in the rainforest.
Climatic Characteristics	Humidity, air temperature and pressure, wind speed and direction, cloud cover and rain – are all characteristics of the weather.
Micro-organisms	Living organism such as bacteria, or fungi.
Decay	The process of rotting or decomposition.
Leaching	Where minerals are washed out from the soil.
Biomass	Renewable organic materials, such as wood, agricultural crops or wastes, especially when used as a source of fuel or energy.
Emergent	A small number of trees taller than the main layer of the forest, reaching heights of over 30m. (Tallest trees)
Canopy	Continuous layer of trees that protects the ground from heavy rainfall.
Understory	Woody plants and shrubs grow in the humid conditions with limited sunlight.
Ground layer	Lowest layer of the rainforest, made up of decomposed material, scattered plants and fungi.
Global carbon balance	The balance of carbon dioxide in the world's atmosphere.
Global carbon sink	The rainforest takes in large amounts of carbon dioxide e.g. a sink.
Pharmaceutical wonderland	Where the drug companies collect lots of their ingredients.
derived	Top obtain something from/to get something.

Figure 2

Exploitation	Treating someone unfairly in order to benefit from their work.
Conflict	A serious disagreement or argument.
Swathes	A broad strip or area.
Impoverished	A poor person or area.
Indigenous forest communities	Tribespeople who live in the rainforest. The rainforest is their ancestral home.
unregulated	Not controlled or supervised
Commercial agriculture/farming	Growing crops or raising animals for profit.
Illegal agriculture/farming	Farming that is against the law and they do not have permission.
Paris Climate Agreement 2015	Is an agreement within the UN to reduce climate change.

Figure 3

Human Development Index (HDI)	A method of measuring development where GDP per capita, life expectancy and adult literacy are combined.
Food insecurity	Being without access to enough affordable, nutritious food.
Major settlements	Major towns and cities.
Trade corridors	Roads to bring businesses together from other towns and cities.
Conservation	Managing the environment in order to preserve, protect or restore it.
Navigable rivers	Main rivers used for transportation
Preserving	Maintain it in its original state.
Biodiverse countries	A country having many different types of plants and animals.
Poverty	The state of being extremely poor
Rural dwellers	Living in the countryside
Export earnings	Is the money one country has made through selling goods to another country.
Social improvements	Improvements for the people e.g healthcare, hospitals, education....
Inexhaustible	Something that cannot be used up/limitless

