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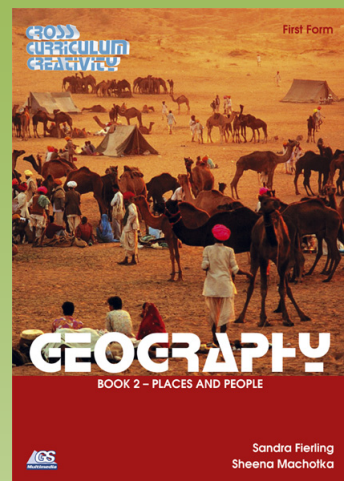
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Introduction

Welcome to Bilingual Geography. You will find information sheets for teachers, worksheets for your students, worksheets for quizzes and cards, etc. There is a dictionary at the end of the book, as well as solutions to the worksheets.

This book is based on the Core Curriculum and you will find in it the information the children need to know in their first year of geography. Most of the worksheets are graded. You will therefore be able to individualise your lessons, giving out simple or more advanced worksheets to your students and/or making your own worksheets with the information provided. These can also be copied on overhead foil.

Everyone teaches in their own particular style and we would just like to give you some ideas that we have found useful in our own situations. A bi-lingual vocabulary book can be a useful item for students to have. Another idea is to have this at the end of their geography notebook - although this is more temporary as they are constantly filling up their notebooks and having to acquire new ones. Vocabulary is important and necessary. Geography is especially good for anchoring new words and repetition. The first year is great for this - especially with map use. Phrases like "the Amazon river is in Brazil - Brazil is in South America" are good ways to repeat phrases many times and give the children lots of confidence. We have also included worksheets about animals and plants in some sections (e.g. the rainforest) for a more in-depth approach. Making posters for your class about various topics in English is always a very nice activity and posters in the classroom certainly anchor the English presence in the room. The section at the end includes an empty quiz chart. We have used this to revise the children's knowledge in a fun way. Asking each child one question per lesson/week, for example, doesn't take up much time and can be a valuable revision guide for the whole class.

We wish you and your students much fun and success in geography.
Sandra Fierling
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Tropical Rainforest

Information Sheet



On both sides of the equator lie the tropical regions of the world. Monthly temperatures average 27°C all year round. Afternoon thunderstorms bring torrential rain but the hot and humid interior of the forest never cools down. The climate is ideal for many plants, birds, insects and other animals. Because there are no seasons, every stage of plant life can be seen at the same time - new leaves, falling leaves, blossoms and fruits - all on the same kind of plant. The world's largest tropical rainforest in the Amazon Basin covers some 4.5 million km².

There are distinct layers of vegetation. Most trees grow to a height of 30 - 50m. Their branches and leaves form crowns at the top. These crowns overlap to form a dense **canopy layer** about 10m thick. Light-hungry mosses, lichens and flowering plants grow here.

The **top** or **emergent layer** consists of giant trees up to 60m tall which break through this canopy. The **understorey** layer beneath the canopy layer is dark and gloomy and a network of creepers or lianas connects the trees. In the dark **shrub layer**, shrubs, herbs and ferns can grow to 2 m. The **forest floor** is a layer of natural fertilizers - dead leaves and branches.

The Indians who live in the rainforest respect all plant and animal life and take care not to damage the environment.

However, millions of hectares of rain forest are cleared for large industrial projects, such as iron-mining, or for cattle ranches and coffee farms. Rich countries import tropical hardwood (mahogany and teak).

The trees in the rainforest take in carbon dioxide and release oxygen into the environment. Because rain forests are decreasing, there is more carbon dioxide in our air. Carbon dioxide holds heat and this contributes to the "greenhouse effect" and global warming.



In the Rainforest

The rainforest is in the tropics, on both sides of the equator. There are no seasons there - no winter, no spring, no summer and no autumn. It is very hot and humid, like in a glass-house, or in a steam bath. The sun rises and sets very quickly. In the afternoon, there are storms, and a lot of rain falls. There are small plants and big plants, small trees, big trees and very old, giant trees, with strong roots. It is dark in the rain forest. Indians collect berries and hunt animals for food. Sometimes they have small farms.

Fill in the missing words:

ENGLISH

1. the equator
2. _____
3. the rainforest
4. _____
5. berries
6. _____
7. dark
8. _____

GERMAN

1. _____
2. die Tropen
3. _____
4. heiß und feucht
5. _____
6. die Jahreszeiten
7. _____
8. das Gewitter





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