

Thursday 25th June

LO: People and settlements of
the rainforest.



Steps to success:

- I know that there are settlements in the rainforest.
- I can describe the way of life of traditional tribespeople.
- I can explain how people use the rainforest sustainably to survive.



There are millions of people living in the rainforests of the world. These tribal people live in a traditional way of life that has stayed relatively unchanged for hundreds of years. These tribes understand the rainforest and live in harmony with it.



Tribes in the Amazon Rainforest – Awa Tribe

They live in the eastern Amazon rainforest. There are approximately 350 members in this tribe at present, and 100 of them are uncontacted.

Because of colonisation in the area during the 18th century, they were forced to adopt a nomadic lifestyle, even though they originally lived in larger settlements. They are known as one of the most endangered tribes because their homes are threatened by deforestation and land clearing.



What is life for Awa people like?

9% of the people living in the Amazon rainforest are indigenous.

“Indigenous” is used to describe people who are the original inhabitants of a place, rather than people who have moved there from somewhere else.

What do you think the traditional lifestyle of the Awa people might be like?



What is life for Awa people like?

The Awa people:

- build shelters out of leaves and branches
- sleep in hammocks made of tree fibres
- burn tree resin (sap) to provide light
- use rainforest plants to make medicines
- are often named after rainforest plants and animals
- live sustainably with the rainforest
- are nomadic (move around from place to place)





The Awa people are hunter-gatherers. They fish, pick fruit, collect honey and hunt with 2m long bows and arrows.



Awa children:

- don't go to school - they learn through the environment and people around them
- keep rainforest animals as pets
- spend their days helping with chores, collecting food from the rainforest, swimming and playing games











How are the lives of the people in these tribes different to our lives in the UK?

What do we have or use every day that they do not?

Learning task 1

Create a table on a piece of paper or print out this slide:

Then organise the facts below into the correct column – are they for people in the UK or for those in the rainforest tribes?

 The UK	Rainforest Tribes 

I wear jeans and T-shirts with shoes or boots.	I cook my food in a gas or electric oven, or in a microwave.
I live in a house made of bricks with roof tiles.	I eat foods that I grow, gather or hunt for myself.
I use a blowpipe or bows and arrows to hunt prey.	I go to a doctor or hospital when I am ill.
I cook all my food on an open fire.	I just wear a loin cloth and have bare feet.
I have lots of electrical gadgets, like mobile phones, computers, TVs and tablets.	I celebrate special occasions with dancing and drums, and by decorating my face and body with paint.

I get most of my food from supermarkets.	My meat usually comes in packets or from a butcher.
I know how to use plants as medicines to cure diseases and make me feel better when I am ill.	I collect all my water from rivers and streams.
I celebrate special occasions by going to a restaurant and wearing my best clothes.	I live in a house made from wood and woven vines. My house has a thatched roof.
I do not have any electricity.	I get my water from taps.

Learning Task 2

Answer these questions in full sentences.

- What do you think it would be like living as a tribe in the rainforest?
- What do you think would be challenging about this kind of lifestyle?
- What else would you like to know about the people living in the rainforests?