



Invent a Creature

Every year new species of animal and plants are found in rainforests around the world. Here are some of the most recent...











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Your task

Using your imagination, invent a new creature that could be discovered in the Amazon.

You can create this creature out of plasticine, lego, dough, natural materials or a combination of things. Or simply draw or paint it. Be as creative as you like.

Draw or place your creature in the empty box on the sheet, then describe your creature, explain which part of the rainforest it lives in, what it eats, how it behaves and which other animals might hunt it or any other threats or hazards.

If you have time invent a plant as well. Describe it, explain where it grows in the rainforest, any interesting features, how it spreads its seed, (by wind, do animals eat its fruit or does it stick to the animals fur,) and how is it used, (as food, medicine or can you make other things out of it.)

Our model



Name of new species: The Purring Monkey

Description: Small monkey, generally brown furred with a lighter tail and chestnut red undersides, neck and cheeks. It also has large eyes and red beard.

Habitat: Amazon basin, forest dweller found in the canopy layer.

Diet: Mainly consists of fruit, as well as leaves and small amount of seeds.

Behaviour: Likes to live in family groups with strong bonds. They have only one baby a year. The monkeys make a purring sound like a cat when they are happy.

Threats: The Purring Monkey is critically endangered due habit fragmentation caused by farming activities in the area.