

- **Forest Structure**

Look at the forest you are in now. Does it look a little bit like a house?

There is no right or wrong answer to this question.

Draw this 'house' that you are in and try to use the terms in the glossary below.

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- **Canopy:** the top layer of a forest
- **Epiphytes and creepers:** these grow on the trees
- **Leaf litter:** dead leaves, fallen branches
- **Forest floor:** the ground part of the forest
- **Trunks of trees:** These are the solid wood, tube-like parts of the trees
- **Mid-layer:** the plants growing under the canopy layer
- **Roots:** These are what trees and plants use to get water and nutrients from the soil up into their shoots and leaves
- **Can you see any windows?**
- **What else can you see?**

