Picture analysis as a teaching method

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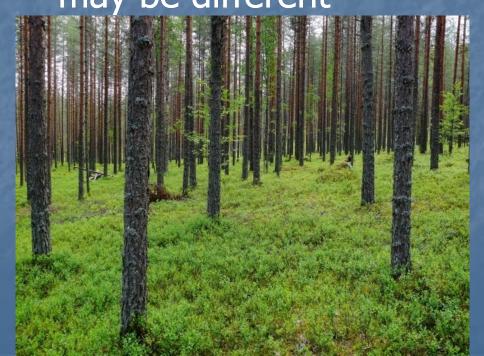
Why are pictures important?

"Picture tells more than thousand words"

Pictures help students to build right kind of

image of natural habitats

e.g. forest in other countries may be different





...Why are pictures important?

- Students have different kind of learning methods
- Many studies have shown that pictures help students to recall things learned before (A. Hassi 1987)

We learn:

1% by tasting 1,5% by touching 3,5% by smelling 11% by hearing 83% by seeing

We absorb information

10% what we've read

20% what we've heard

30% what we've seen

50% what we've seen and heard

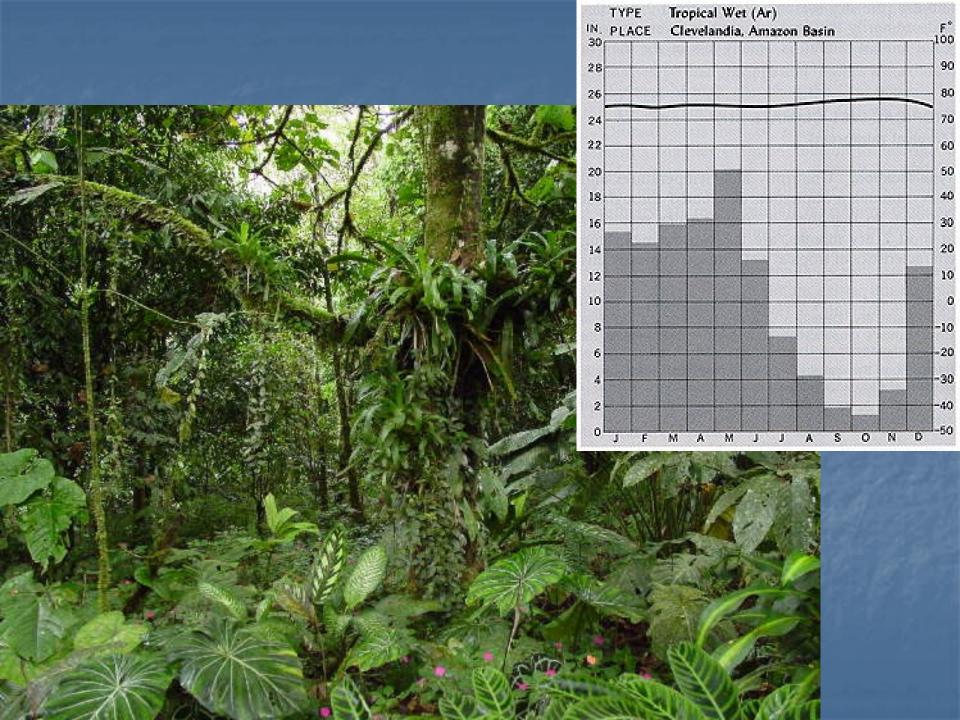
70% what we tell ourselves

90% what we do ourselves

What can be seen in pictures?

- Nature:
 - Abiotic: water/ humidity, topography, weather
 - Biotic: plants, animals, fungus
- People: age, wealth, health, occupation, values etc.
- Peoples influence on the environment
 - Land use (buildings, farming, forestry etc.), pollutions, trashes
- Causality
 - Why questions and conclusions
- What cannot be seen?





Topics to discuss

- When to use picture analysis?
- With whom?
- Is it efficient method?
- How to apply this method to different school subjects?

Group work

- Groups have pictures from different countries
- Each group will have different topics to focus on
 - 1. Discuss about pictures as a tool of learning
 - 2. Plan a lesson for kids about your theme
- Groups will present their own theme for the whole group

Topics

- Cultures
- Health
- Vegetation zones
- Climate
- Climate change
- Flora & Fauna
- Chemistry of water
- Peoples influence
- Correlation between species
- Environmental problems