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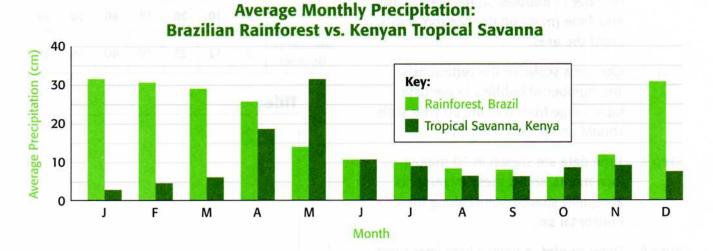
LESSON ..

Analyzing Double Bar Graphs

How do you read a double bar graph?

The bar graph below is a double bar graph. A **double bar graph** compares two sets of data. The title of this graph tells you that it compares the average monthly precipitation of a Brazilian rainforest and a tropical savanna in Kenya.

Begin reading the graph by looking for a key. The key tells you that a light green bar shows data for the rainforest in Brazil. A dark green bar shows data for the savanna in Kenya. Find the first pair of bars on the graph. The label beneath the bars tells you they show data for *January*. Move your eyes to the top of each bar, and then across to the vertical axis. The heights of the bars tell you that in January, the Brazilian rainforest receives about 32 cm of precipitation and the Kenyan tropical savanna receives about 2 cm of precipitation.



Show What You Know

Use the bar graph to answer the questions below.

- 2. What precipitation pattern exists in the Brazilian rainforest between January and May? How does this differ from the pattern that exists in the Kenyan tropical savanna during the same period?