

# Rainforest Explorer’s Vocabulary Mat

Learning objective: To define and understand key geographical terminology related to tropical rainforest biomes.

## Key Vocabulary

Use this vocabulary mat to help you describe the structure and climate of rainforests. Terms are grouped by their category.

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| <b>Canopy</b> The thick layer of branches and lea...   | <b>Emergent Layer</b> The very top layer of the ra...   | <b>Understory</b> The dark, humid layer beneath t...     |
| <b>Forest Floor</b> The bottom layer of the rainfor... | <b>Equator</b> An imaginary line around the middle...   | <b>Tropical</b> A hot and wet climate found in regi...   |
| <b>Climate</b> The average weather patterns in a p...  | <b>Precipitation</b> Water falling from the sky, suc... | <b>Humidity</b> The amount of water vapour (mois...      |
| <b>Deforestation</b> The clearing or cutting down o... | <b>Conservation</b> The protection and careful m...     | <b>Biodiversity</b> The variety of different plants a... |
| <b>Indigenous</b> People who are the original inh...   | <b>Buttress Roots</b> Large, wide roots that help t...  | <b>Epiphyte</b> A plant that grows on the surface o...   |
| <b>Explain why the ...</b>                             | <b>Why do you think ...</b>                             | <b>How does the 'Cl...</b>                               |
| <b>If you were an ex...</b>                            | <b>Define 'Deforestat...</b>                            |                                                          |