

Finn’s Rainforest Exploration: Vocabulary Reference Mat

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

Key Vocabulary

Use this reference mat to help you understand the layers, climate, and importance of rainforests. Terms are grouped by category: 'The Structure', 'The Environment', and 'Human Impact'.

Emergent Layer The very top layer of the ra...	Canopy The thick, leafy roof of the rainforest...	Understory The layer below the canopy, whi...
Forest Floor The bottom layer of the rainfor...	Biodiversity The wide variety of different pl...	Equator The imaginary line around the midd...
Tropical A climate that is consistently warm ...	Precipitation Water released from clouds in ...	Humidity The amount of water vapour prese...
Deforestation The action of clearing wide ar...	Sustainability Using natural resources in a ...	Indigenous The original inhabitants of a regi...
Photosynthesis The process by which gree...	Buttress Roots Large, wide roots above the...	Lianas Woody vines that climb up tree trunks...
Explain why the ...	Compare and con...	Justify your ans... Why is biodiversity consi...
What might happ...	If you were desig...	Critique the stat... 'The rainforest is just a c...