Exploring the Rainforest: Grade 5 Geography Word Mat

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

Key Vocabulary

Use this reference mat to help you understand the layers, climate, and importance of rainforests. Our friend Finn the dolphin has been mapping these areas for us! Terms are grouped by category: 'The Structure', 'The Climate', and 'The Ecosystem'.

Canopy The thick layer of foliage formed by …	**Understory** The layer below the canopy whe…	**Emergent layer** The very top layer of the rai…
Forest floor The bottom layer, which is dark,…	**Equator** The imaginary line around the midd…	**Humidity** The amount of water vapour in the…
Precipitation Rain, snow, or hail; rainforests …	**Deforestation** The permanent removal of tr…	**Sustainability** Using natural resources in a …
Biodiversity The variety of all living things, i…	**Indigenous** People who are native to a parti…	**Photosynthesis** The process by which gree…
Habitat The natural home or environment of …	**Epiphyte** A plant that grows on the surface o…	**Explain why the f…**
Why is 'biodiversi…	**If a farmer clears …**	**Describe one ada…**
Define 'deforestat…		