






Rainforest Year 6 Knowledge Mat

Subject Specific Vocabulary			Exciting Books		
canopy	The canopy , which may be over 30 m above the ground, is made up of the overlapping branches and leaves of rainforest trees.				
emergent layer	The emergent layer is the name given to the tops of trees that poke up above the rainforest canopy.				
understory	The understory layer is a tangle of shrubs, young trees, saplings, palms and vines. It is hot and damp here and the air is very still.		Endangered creatures of the rainforest		
deforestation	When forests are cut down and the area is permanently cleared for another use.	<input type="checkbox"/> gorillas	<input type="checkbox"/> chimpanzees	Where are the famous rainforests?	
endangered	An endangered species is a species which has been categorized as very likely to become extinct.	<input type="checkbox"/> jaguars	<input type="checkbox"/> toucans		
indigenous	Indigenous people or things belong to the country in which they are found	<input type="checkbox"/> poison dart frogs	<input type="checkbox"/> golden lion tamarin	Amazon, Brazil	
biomes	Biomes are distinct biological communities that have formed in response to a shared physical climate.	<input type="checkbox"/> harpy eagles	<input type="checkbox"/> orangutans	Australia, West Africa	
temperate	Relating to or denoting a region or climate characterized by mild temperatures.				
extinction	The extinction of a species of animal or plant is the death of all its remaining living members.				
destruction	The act of destroying something.				
biodiversity	Variety of plant and animal life in a particular habitat, a high level of which is usually considered to be important and desirable.				