Year 5 Knowledge map- How is human activity changing the Amazon Basin?

Subject Specific Vocabulary

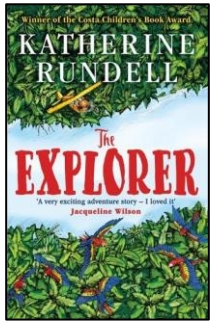
biomes	A large, natural occurring community of plants and animals that have common characteristics for the environment they exist in.
vegetation belt	A large area of the earth where similar types of plants grow together because of the same climate, soil and conditions.
Amazon	The largest (not longest) river in the world flowing mainly through the Brazilian rainforest.
rainforest	A dense forest rich in biodiversity, found typically in tropical areas with consistently heavy rainfall.
biodiversity	The variety of plant and animal life in a particular habitat.
Tropics of Cancer Capricorn	An imaginary line parallel and 23° North (Cancer) or 23° south (Capricorn) of the equator.
Equator	An imaginary line around the middle of the Earth. It is halfway between the North Pole and the South Pole.
deforestation	The action of clearing a wide area of trees.
agriculture	Agriculture is another word for farming. It includes both growing and harvesting crops and raising animals, or livestock.

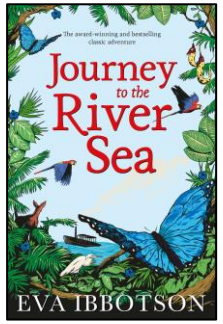
The Amazon

The Amazon and its tributaries flow through the countries of **Peru, Bolivia, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, and Brazil**



Interesting reads





Sticky Knowledge

The **tropics** are regions of the earth that lie roughly in the middle of the earth



Biomes A large, natural occurring community of plants and animals that have common characteristics for the environment they exist in.

Vegetation belt– Describes the type of vegetation within a biome where similar types of plants grow together because of the same climate, soil and conditions.

The impact of humans on the rainforest: Deforestation is occurring because areas of forest are cleared for **rearing livestock** and for growing crops to **feed livestock**, and **logging**.



