

Year 6 Rainforest Knowledge Organiser

Selected Vocabulary and Definitions

biodiversity	The wide variety of living things on Earth.
botanist	Someone who studies plants.
canopy	The tallest layer of trees in the forest.
Carbon dioxide	A gas (also known as CO ₂) that is released when fuels burn and when animals (including humans) breathe. Trees and plants absorb it.
climate	The weather and temperature usually found in an area over a long period of time.
cloud forest	A forest that gets all its moisture from mist rather than rain.
crown	The very top of a tree.
deforestation	The destruction of trees over large areas.
emergent layer	Very tall rainforest trees that rise above all the other trees around them.
equatorial	Near the equator.
extinct	A plant or animal species that has died out completely.
humid	A high level of moisture in the air.
indigenous	A living thing that belongs naturally to an area.
liana	Rope-like plants that grow up trees.
monsoon	Winds that change with the seasons.
understorey	The layer of vegetation below the canopy but above the ground.

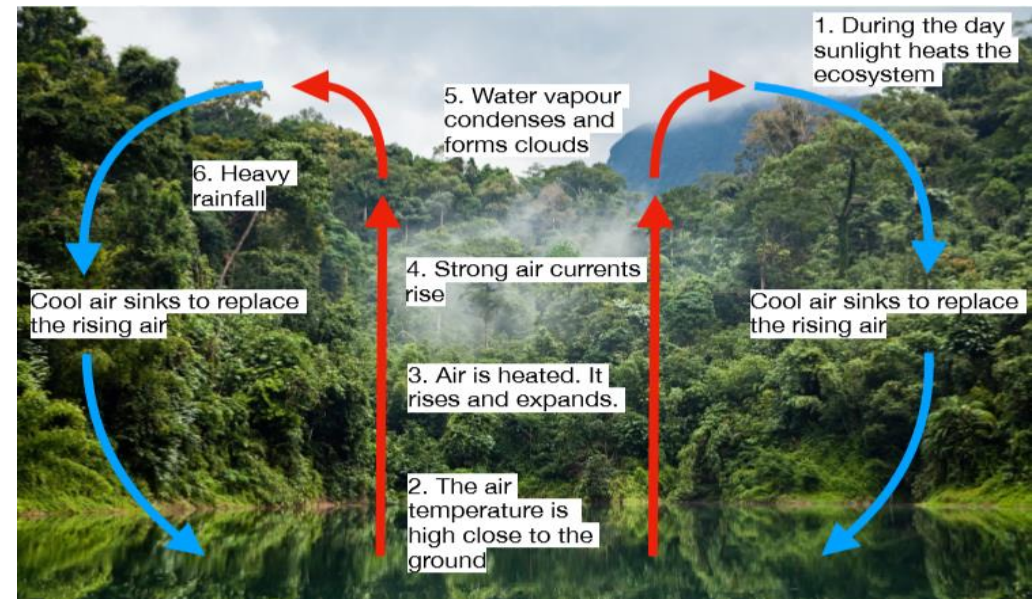


Diagram – Layers of the Rainforest

