


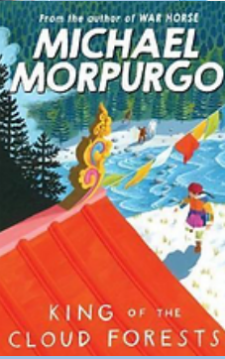



Subject Specific Vocabulary		Is Climate Cool?	Exciting Books
biome	geographical area defined by its climate, plant and animal life and the activities of the people who live there	 	  
climate	weather patterns in a place over a long period, such as seasonal rainfall, sunshine and temperatures		
desert	area with very little rain, extreme heat and/or cold, where few forms of life can survive		
drought	period with very little or no rain		
environment	conditions to which a plant, animal or person is adapted		
fauna	animals native to an area, such as birds, reptiles and insects	Sticky Knowledge about The World	
flora	plants native to an area, such as trees, climbers, flowers and grasses	The savanna is an open landscape of grassland found in tropical Africa. It is home to an amazing variety of wildlife.	Climate is long term. It refers to the average weather pattern of a place over many years. Climates can be predominantly hot, cold, wet or dry, hot and wet, hot and dry and so on. The climate of a place affects the soil, flora and fauna of that place and impacts on human activity in a variety of ways.
rainfall	measured level of water that has fallen as rain, snow, sleet or hail in a given period	Animals, plants and all living things are adapted to life in their natural surroundings.	Weather is short term. It is what happens in our atmosphere from day to day. It includes precipitation, temperature, wind and humidity. Weather varies from place to place, from day to day and from season to season. The range of weather in a place is a characteristic of its climate.
tropical	to do with the region on either side of the Equator, between the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn	Tundra is a vast, treeless landscape that covers almost 20% of the Earth's surface.	
tundra	land where the soil beneath the surface is frozen all year and trees cannot survive the low temperatures and short growing season	The Amazon rainforest is the world's largest and richest tropical rainforest. It stretches across a huge area of South America.	Biomes include deserts, forests, grasslands, tundra and aquatic environments. They are defined collectively by the climate, soil organisms, flora and fauna of a large geographical area. Each biome consists of many ecosystems whose communities have adapted to the small differences in climate and the environment inside the biome.
Vegetation belt	area where similar types of plant life grow, adapted to the conditions there	One of the world's latest wetland, Pantanal in South America, is home to about 656 types of birds, 325 types of fish, 159 types of mammals and 98 types of reptiles.	

