

LIFE IN A Forest





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The Forest Biome



Forests cover one-third of the earth. They make up the largest land **biome** on the planet!

Trees of different types fill these shady places. Some lose their leaves. Others keep their leaves year-round.



maple tree

Very different areas can have forests. Closest to the **equator** are **tropical** forests. **Temperate** forests lie farther north and south. **Boreal** forests are just below the **Arctic**.



Forests grow in both low and high places. Some rise from steep mountainsides.

tropical forests = 

temperate forests = 

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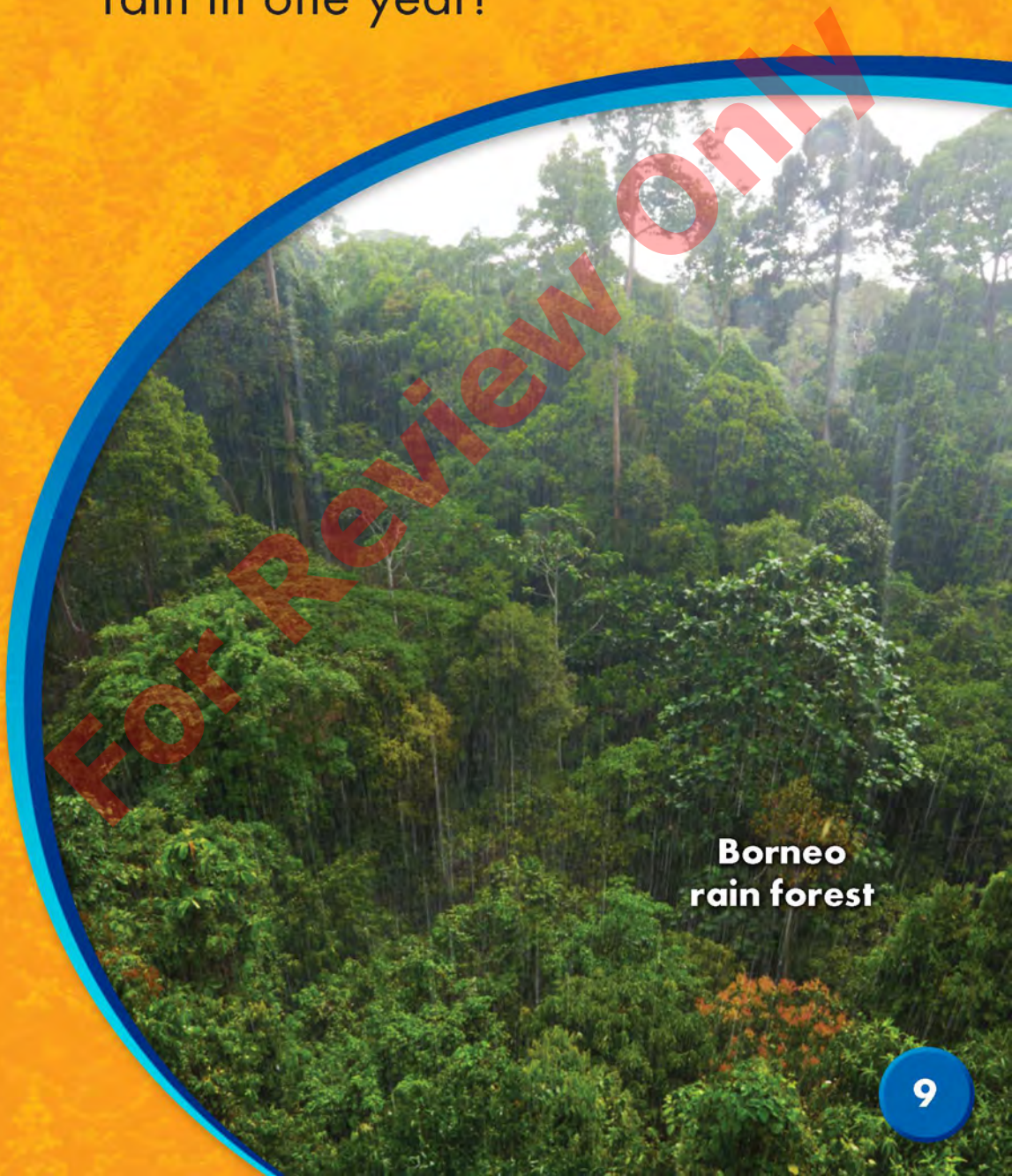
The Climate

Finland
boreal forest



A forest's **climate** depends on its location. Boreal forests stay extremely cold most of the year. Snow blankets trees during the long winter.

Tropical forests stay warm and wet. Some receive up to 400 inches (1,016 centimeters) of rain in one year!



**Borneo
rain forest**