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<u>Subject Specific Vocabulary</u>			<u>Exciting Books</u>
Explorer	A person who discovers unknown areas.		
Continent	One of the Earth's seven major areas of land. The continents are Africa, Antarctica, Asia, North America, South America, Europe, Australasia/Oceania.		
Country	A large area of land where people live under the same government. Examples are England, Poland, France, India, etc.		
Weather	The conditions outside at a particular place and time. Sunshine, clouds, temperature, and rain are some of the changing conditions that make up the weather.	<u>Interesting facts</u>	
Voyage	A journey to somewhere, usually taking a long time.	Did you know that because of satellite technology, we are still discovering tiny, new islands to this day?	
Equator	An imaginary line which goes around the middle of the Earth.	Christopher Columbus was not the first man to discover America! Native Americans had lived there for thousands of years, and Vikings from Iceland had discovered it as well.	
Australia	A county on the other side of the equator. It is very hot and very big.	Captain James Cook travelled 30,000 miles in his first voyage!	
Arctic	The northernmost part of our planet. It is very cold and is home to animals such as polar bears, walrus and beluga whales. Narwhals can only be found here.	The Arctic consists of the Arctic Ocean and parts of Canada, Russia, the USA, Greenland, Norway, Finland, Sweden and Iceland!	
Polar Bears	These are the largest bear in the world and live in the Arctic. They are the Arctic's top predator.	They have a thick layer of body fat and water-repellent coat that insulations them from the cold air and water.	

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