

Spelling list: GCSE Geography: Tropical Rainforests

Key words for GCSE Geography.

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| biodiversity | Biodiversity is the measure of how many different species live in a particular ecosystem. |
| commercial | Commercial farming is farming that sells produce for profit. |
| debt | Debt is a sum of money owed by one country to another country. |
| deforestation | Deforestation is the removal of trees to clear an area of forest for commercial purposes. |
| ecotourism | Ecotourism is the responsible travel to natural areas in order to have minimal impact on the local ecosystem. |
| erosion | Soil erosion is the removal of topsoil faster than it can be replaced. |
| extraction | Mineral extraction is the removal of commercially valuable amounts of solid mineral resources from the earth. |
| farming | Commercial farming sells produce to food retailers or food processing companies. |
| logging | Logging is the business of felling (cutting down) trees for sale as timber or pulp. |
| minerals | Minerals include ores, which contain metals, such as iron; precious stones, such as diamonds; building stones, such as granite; and solid fuels, such as coal. |
| reduction | Debt reduction is the relief of national debt in return for the protection of rainforests. |
| relief | Some countries receive debt relief in return for protecting their rainforests. |
| selective | Selective logging is the process of cutting out mature or inferior trees, to encourage the growth in a forest or wood. |

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| soil | Topsoil is the most fertile and nutrient rich top layer of soil . |
| subsistence | Subsistence farming is farming only for the benefit of the farmer and their family. |
| farming | Agriculture is another word for farming . |
| sustainability | Sustainability is meeting the needs of the present without compromising the needs of future generations. |