

Spelling list: GCSE Geography: Tropical Rainforests

Key words for GCSE Geography.

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.

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.