

## Spelling list: GCSE Geography: Tropical Rainforests

Key words for GCSE Geography.

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| biodiversity  | <b>Biodiversity</b> is the measure of how many different species live in a particular ecosystem.  |
| commercial    | <b>Commercial</b> farming is farming that sells produce for profit.   |
| debt          | <b>Debt</b> is a sum of money owed by one country to another country.   |
| deforestation | <b>Deforestation</b> is the removal of trees to clear an area of forest for commercial purposes.  |
| ecotourism    | <b>Ecotourism</b> is the responsible travel to natural areas in order to have minimal impact on the local ecosystem.  |
| erosion       | Soil <b>erosion</b> is the removal of topsoil faster than it can be replaced.   |
| extraction    | Mineral <b>extraction</b> is the removal of commercially valuable amounts of solid mineral resources from the earth.  |
| farming       | Commercial <b>farming</b> sells produce to food retailers or food processing companies.   |
| logging       | <b>Logging</b> is the business of felling (cutting down) trees for sale as timber or pulp.  |
| minerals      | <b>Minerals</b> 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 <b>reduction</b> is the relief of national debt in return for the protection of rainforests.   |
| relief        | Some countries receive debt <b>relief</b> in return for protecting their rainforests.   |
| selective     | <b>Selective</b> 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 <b>soil</b> .  |
| subsistence    | <b>Subsistence</b> farming is farming only for the benefit of the farmer and their family.                      |
| farming        | Agriculture is another word for <b>farming</b> .  |
| sustainability | <b>Sustainability</b> is meeting the needs of the present without compromising the needs of future generations. |