

Grade 7 Vocabulary

Word Meanings

Week 3

Directions: Look at the words in the list below. There is a definition and two phrases to help you learn the new vocabulary.

Word	Meaning	Examples
deforestation (verb)	clearing out large areas of trees, usually a forest area	"deforestation of the Amazon", "Rainforest deforestation can cause animal extinction."
rainforest (noun)	a dense forest usually in tropical areas that receives high rainfall amounts yearly	"lush, green rainforest", "Save the rainforest!"
rancher (noun)	someone who owns or runs a ranch	"The rancher was a true cowboy.", "A rancher cares for animals."
swathe (verb)	wrapping something, usually an injury, in material strips	"We will swathe his hand.", "I'll swathe with bandages."
trending (adjective)	popular or often discussed online	"The topic is trending.", "We need a trending hashtag."

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campaign (noun)	A course of action that is organized toward a goal	"a successful campaign", "campaign promises"
exacerbating (verb)	making something worse or bigger	"exacerbating a problem", "exacerbating the issue"
commodities (noun)	something valuable and/or useful	"precious commodities", "Water and time are commodities."
logger (noun)	someone who cuts down trees for a purpose	"The logger wore flannel.", "Being a logger can be dangerous"
felling (verb)	Cutting or knocking down trees	"The tree felling took 15 minutes.", "Felling trees is dangerous."

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greenhouse (noun)	a glass building that protects plants from cold weather	"The greenhouse glass was broken.", "Exotic plants grew in the greenhouse."
zoonotic (adjective)	descriptive of a disease passed between animals to people	"zoonotic diseases", "A zoonotic disease can be deadly."
restoration (noun)	returning or recreating something to a former condition	"Restoration of the forests is important.", "The restoration began yesterday."
conservation (noun)	to repair in order to preserve or prevent waste of a resource	"nature conservation", "promoting energy conservation"
indigenous (adjective)	original or native plants, people, or animals	"indigenous people", "indigenous to the area"