

**Grade 7 Vocabulary**

**Word Meanings**

**Week 47**

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
<b>scurrying</b> (verb)	to scamper, scuttle, move hurriedly with short, fast steps	"scurrying across the floor"; "the scurrying mouse"
<b>microorganisms</b> (noun)	microscopic organisms, typically that of a virus, bacterium, or fungus	"dangerous microorganisms"; "microorganisms in water"
<b>vines</b> (noun)	a slender, often woody type of stem from a trailing or climbing plant	"swung from the vines"; "vines tangled together"
<b>logging</b> (noun)	business of felling trees, then cutting and preparing timber	"the logging business"; "started logging the area"
<b>shrubs</b> (noun)	woody plant smaller than a tree with several main stems near the ground	"planting shrubs"; "shrubs around the garden"

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<b>tropical</b> (adjective)	particular to or resembling the tropics, usually hot and humid	"a tropical environment"; "tropical rain forest"
<b>canopy</b> (noun)	uppermost trees or branches of trees in the forest that forms almost a continuous cover	"monkeys in the canopy of trees"; "canopy of trees makes things darker"
<b>timber</b> (noun)	trees grown to be used in building after they are prepared	"growing acres of timber"; "timber in the area"
<b>musty</b> (adjective)	stale, moldy, or damp smelling, mildewed, stale	"a musty odor"; "the musty basement"
<b>sweltering</b> (adjective)	miserably or uncomfortably hot	"the sweltering heat"; "a swelting sauna"

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<b>scampering</b> (verb)	scurry, dart, run, usually a small animal that runs with quick, light steps	"the bunny scampering away"; "scampering through the leaves"
<b>chant</b> (noun)	repetition of a rhythmic phrase that is spoken, used as a slogan, or song	"chant the slogan"; "chant the phrase repeatedly"
<b>rustling</b> (verb)	swish, soft crackling caused by movement	"rustling of leaves"; "rustling the papers"
<b>glistening</b> (adjective)	shining, often with a sparkling light	"glistening in the sun"; "glistening like gold"
<b>shrill</b> (adjective)	high-pitched, sharp, piercing	"a shrill voice"; "a shrill cry"

