

## Grade 7 Vocabulary

### Use of Vocabulary Words in Context

#### Week 47

Directions: Read the passage below to better understand the vocabulary words.

#### Visiting the Rain Forest

#### Vocabulary Words

scurrying

microorganisms

vines

logging

shrubs

tropical

canopy

timber

musty

sweltering

scampering

chant

rustling

glistening

shrill

**Hint:** When learning new terms, look for context clues to help determine the meaning. If the sentence you find the word in is not helpful, keep reading to see if it can be understood.

The **tropical** rain forests are not nearly as vast as they once were. This is in part due to the **logging** industry that cuts the trees for **timber**. Thankfully, there are still some rain forests that are protected and can be visited. Visiting a rain forest can be tricky because it is unlike any other place. Rain forests are sometimes **sweltering** due to the climate, but because they experience so much rain, they may also have a **musty** odor. This is not necessarily unpleasant because it is a sign of the life cycle in a forest. As plants die and decay, they feed other plants and animals so the rest of the forest can thrive.

The tropical rain forests are also home to unique creatures that are **scurrying** and **scampering** about enjoying their lives. If you look up into the **canopy**, you may even see monkeys and birds swinging or flying between **vines**. If you stand quietly and listen, you may hear the **rustling** of the leaves or the **shrill** call of birds signaling each other.

I love visiting in the morning as the dew is still on the grass and **shrubs**, **glistening** as the light brings the forest to life. Many people find it so relaxing that they practice yoga or other exercises in the forest. Some **chant** as they walk through and contemplate life in every aspect. It is a magical place. So magical in fact, that there are **microorganisms** found in these forests that are found nowhere else. A trip to the rain forest is definitely one to take while you still can.

