Vocabulary List for *The Great Kapok Tree*

Vocabulary from the Story

Word	Definition	Example Sentence
Axe	A tool used for chopping wood	The man carried an axe.
Lumberjack	A person who cuts down trees	The lumberjack rested beneath the tree.
Creature	An animal or living being	Many creatures lived in the kapok tree.
Boa Constrictor	A large snake found in rainforests	A boa constrictor spoke to the sleeping man.
Jaguar	A large wild cat found in South America	The jaguar depended on the forest for survival.
Toucan	A tropical bird with a large colourful beak	A toucan rested in the branches.
Species	A group of similar living things	Thousands of species live in the rainforest.
Sloth	A slow-moving rainforest animal	The sloth clung to the tree branch.
Rainforest	A hot, wet forest with many plants and animals	The kapok tree grew in the rainforest.
Kapok Tree	A giant tropical tree found in the Amazon rainforest	The kapok tree towered above the forest floor.
Canopy	The upper layer of branches and leaves in a forest	Monkeys swung through the canopy.
Understory	The layer of plants growing beneath the canopy	Many animals lived in the understory.
Habitat	The natural home of a plant or animal	The kapok tree provides a habitat for wildlife.
Ecosystem	A community of living things and their environment	The rainforest is a complex ecosystem.
Amazon	The world's largest rainforest in South America	Many rare species live in the Amazon.

Word	Definition	Example Sentence
Deforestation	The cutting down of large areas of forest	Deforestation destroys animal homes.
Conservation	Protecting plants, animals, and habitats	Conservation helps save rainforests.
Environment	The natural world around us	We should care for the environment.
Oxygen	A gas that people and animals need to breathe	Trees produce oxygen.
Biodiversity	A variety of plants and animals in one place	Rainforests have rich biodiversity.

Descriptive Vocabulary

Word	Definition	Example Sentence
Towering	Very tall	The towering tree stretched into the sky.
Lush	Growing thickly and healthily	Lush plants covered the forest floor.
Dense	Closely packed together	The dense forest blocked the sunlight.
Majestic	Grand and impressive	The kapok tree looked majestic.
Vibrant	Full of colour and life	The rainforest was vibrant and busy.
Ancient	Very old	The ancient tree had stood for centuries.
Tropical	Relating to hot, wet regions	Tropical birds filled the forest.
Magnificent	Extremely beautiful and impressive	The magnificent forest amazed visitors.

Action Words

Word	Definition	Example Sentence
Chop	To cut with an axe	The man began to chop the tree.

Word	Definition	Example Sentence
Cling	To hold tightly	The sloth clung to a branch.
Soar	To fly high in the air	Birds soared above the canopy.
Swing	To move back and forth	Monkeys swing between trees.
Protect	To keep safe	Animals need people to protect their homes.
Whisper	To speak very quietly	The creatures whispered to the sleeping man.
Bloom	To produce flowers	Colourful plants bloom in the rainforest.

Feelings Vocabulary

Word	Definition	Example Sentence
Concerned	Worried about something	The animals were concerned about the tree being cut down.
Frightened	Feeling afraid	The creatures were frightened for their home.
Hopeful	Feeling that something good will happen	The animals were hopeful the man would listen.
Determined	Not giving up easily	Each animal was determined to protect the rainforest.
Relieved	Feeling happy because a worry has gone away	The creatures were relieved when the man put down his axe.
Protective	Wanting to keep someone or something safe	The jaguar felt protective of the forest.