## **Spelling list: GCSE Geography: Tropical Rainforests**

Key words for GCSE Geography.

biodiversity	<b>Biodiversity</b> is the measure of how many different species live in a particular ecosystem.
commercial	Commercial 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.

Topsoil is the most fertile and nutrient rich top layer of **soil**.

Subsistence farming is farming only for the benefit of the farmer and their family.

Agriculture is another word for **farming**.

Sustainability is meeting the needs of the present without compromising the needs of future generations.