

## Clues in the Canopy Answer Key

**1. Canopy** - The upper layer of trees that forms a roof over the forest.

*Clues:* "thick layer of overlapping tree branches high above the ground."

**2. Understory** - The layer beneath the canopy that is dark and humid.

*Clues:* "beneath the canopy... dark and humid... sunlight barely reaches."

**3. Camouflage** - Natural ways animals hide to avoid being seen.

*Clues:* "provides... hiding places, to avoid predators."

**4. Biodiverse** - Having a large variety of living things.

*Clues:* "home to an incredible variety of plants and animals."

**5. Deforestation** - Cutting down large areas of trees.

*Clues:* "human activities... cutting down of large areas of trees."

**6. Fragile** - Easily damaged or broken.

*Clues:* "balance of the rainforest could collapse if too much disappears."

**7. Global** - Relating to the whole world.

*Clues:* "affect weather patterns and air quality around the world."

### Teacher Notes:

- Encourage students to circle or underline the exact context clues in the passage.
- Accept synonyms or rephrased definitions if they reflect the meaning accurately.
- This activity strengthens vocabulary and critical reading skills by teaching students not to skip unfamiliar words but instead solve them using textual evidence.