

The Great Kapok Tree
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Directions:

Use what you know about *The Great Kapok Tree* to answer each of the following questions.

1. Why does the man stop chopping down the Great Kapok Tree?

- A He becomes too tired to keep working
- B The animals scare him away
- C He falls asleep and listens to what the animals say
- D The tree is too hard to cut

2. What is the main message the author is trying to teach in *The Great Kapok Tree*?

- A The rain forest is important and should be protected
- B Animals should learn to speak to humans
- C The rain forest is important but it is not our job to protect it
- D Cutting trees is hard work

3. How do the animals help change the man's thinking?

- A They threaten him so he will leave
- B They explain how they depend on the tree to survive
- C They help him finish chopping the tree
- D They show him another tree to cut instead

4. In the story, what does the word "ancestors" most nearly mean?

- A Enemies from long ago
- B Animals that live underground
- C Leaders of the rain forest
- D Family members who

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5. Which sentence best describes the structure of *The Great Kapok Tree*? (RL.4.5)

- A It is a poem with rhymes and repeated lines
- B It is a play with dialogue and stage directions
- C It is a story where different animals speak one at a time
- D It is a list of facts about rain forest animals

6. From which point of view is *The Great Kapok Tree* told? (RL.4.6)

- A First person, told by the man
- B First person, told by the animals
- C Third person, told by a narrator
- D Second person, told to the reader

7. How do the illustrations help the reader understand the story? (RL.4.7)

- A They show the author drawing the pictures
- B They explain facts that are not in the text
- C They include real pictures of the rain forest
- D They show how the rain forest is home to many animals and plants

8. Which detail best shows that the man has changed by the end of the story? (RL.4.10)

- A He sharpens his axe
- B He leaves the rain forest quietly
- C He climbs higher into the tree
- D He begins chopping again

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Answer Key

