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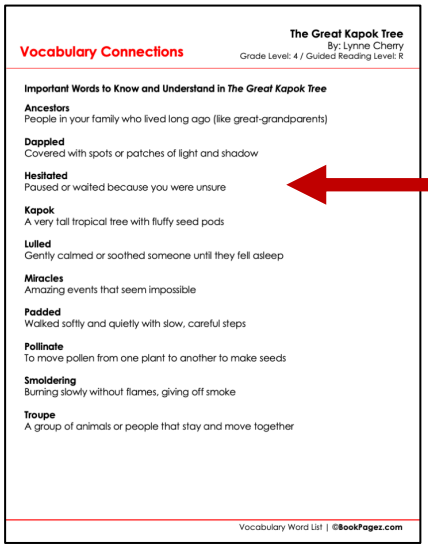
Vocabulary Connections

The Great Kapok Tree
By: Lynne Cherry
Grade Level: 4 / Guided Reading Level: R

Important Words to Know and Understand in *The Great Kapok Tree*

Ancestors
People in your family who lived long ago (like great-grandparents)

Dappled
Covered with spots or patches of light and shadow

Hesitated
Paused or waited because you were unsure

Kapok
A very tall tropical tree with fluffy seed pods

Lulled
Gently calmed or soothed someone until they fell asleep

Miracles
Amazing events that seem impossible

Padded
Walked softly and quietly with slow, careful steps

Pollinate
To move pollen from one plant to another to make seeds

Smoldering
Burning slowly without flames, giving off smoke

Troupe
A group of animals or people that stay and move together

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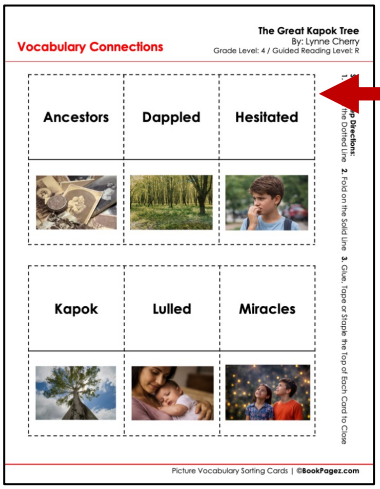
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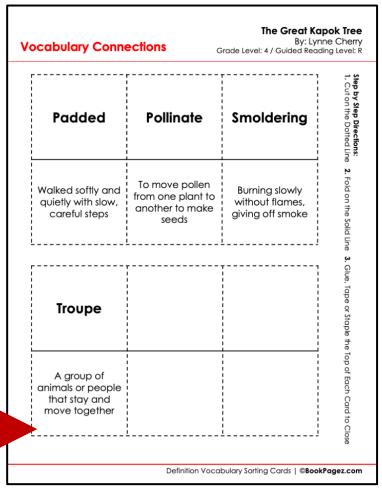
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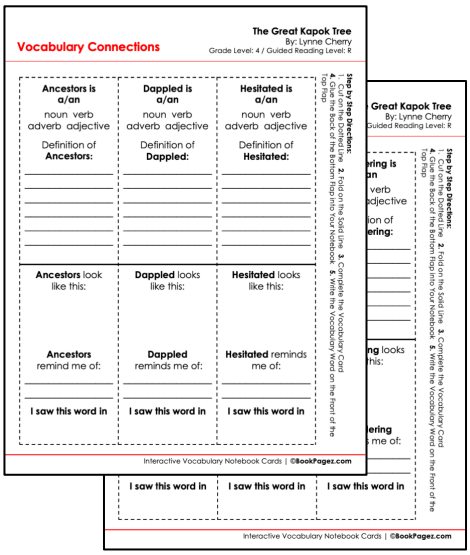
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Ancestors is a/an noun verb adverb adjective	Dappled is a/an noun verb adverb adjective	Hesitated is a/an noun verb adverb adjective
Definition of **Ancestors:**	Definition of **Dappled:**	Definition of **Hesitated:**
Ancestors look like this:	**Dappled** looks like this:	**Hesitated** looks like this:
Ancestors remind me of:	**Dappled** reminds me of:	**Hesitated** reminds me of:
I saw this word in	**I saw this word in**	**I saw this word in**

Step by Step Directions: 1. Cut on the Dotted Line. 2. Fold on the Solid Line. 3. Complete the Vocabulary Card. 4. Cut on the Dotted Line at the Bottom Flap Into Your Notebook. 5. Write the Vocabulary Word on the Front of the Top Flap.

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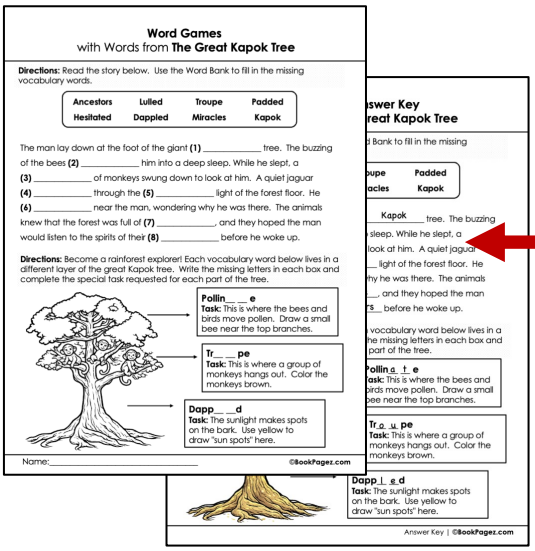
Word Games
with Words from **The Great Kapok Tree**

Directions: Read the story below. Use the Word Bank to fill in the missing vocabulary words.

Ancestors	Lulled	Troupe	Padded
Hesitated	Dappled	Miracles	Kapok

The man lay down at the foot of the giant **(1)** _____ tree. The buzzing of the bees **(2)** _____ him into a deep sleep. While he slept, a **(3)** _____ of monkeys swung down to look at him. A quiet jaguar **(4)** _____ through the **(5)** _____ light of the forest floor. He **(6)** _____ near the man, wondering why he was there. The animals knew that the forest was full of **(7)** _____, and they hoped the man would listen to the spirits of their **(8)** _____ before he woke up.

Directions: Become a rainforest explorer! Each vocabulary word below lives in a different layer of the great Kapok tree. Write the missing letters in each box and complete the special task requested for each part of the tree.

Pollin_ _ _e
Task: This is where the bees and birds move pollen. Draw a small bee near the top branches.

Tr_ _ _pe
Task: This is where a group of monkeys hangs out. Color the monkeys brown.

Dapp_ _ _d
Task: The sunlight makes spots on the bark. Use yellow to draw "sun spots" here.

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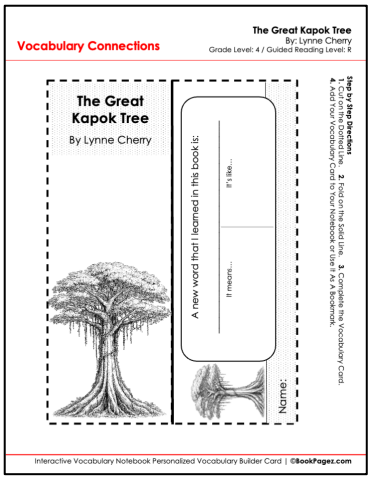
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A new word that I learned in this book is:
"_____" to me it means....

Name:

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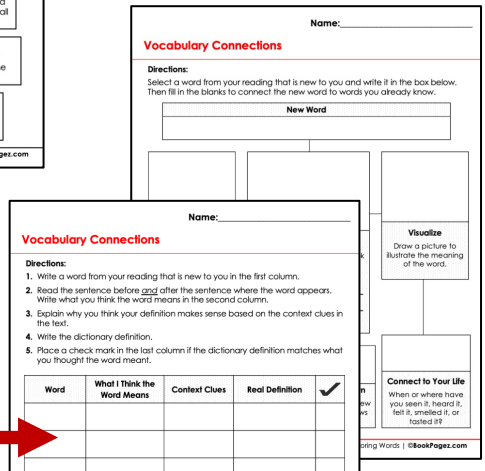
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Vocabulary Connections

Directions:
Select a word from your reading that is new to you and write it in the box below. Then fill in the blanks to connect the new word to words you already know.

New Word

Visualize
Draw a picture to illustrate the meaning of the word.

Connect to Your Life
When or where have you seen it, heard it, felt it, smelled it, or tasted it?

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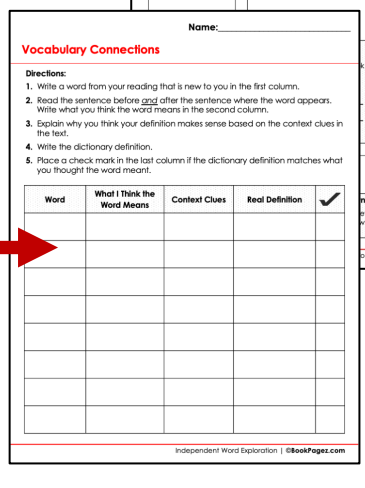
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Vocabulary Connections

Directions:
1. Write a word from your reading that is new to you in the first column.
2. Read the sentence before and after the sentence where the word appears. Write what you think the word means in the second column.
3. Explain why you think your definition makes sense based on the context clues in the text.
4. Write the dictionary definition.
5. Place a check mark in the last column if the dictionary definition matches what you thought the word meant.

Word	What I Think the Word Means	Context Clues	Real Definition	✓

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Vocabulary Word Extension Activities