

# Key Vocabulary List

\* Note: These words and definitions can be cut into pieces and used in a word match format for better understanding.

Aboriginal	All indigenous people, including Status Indians, Non-status Indians, Métis, and Inuit people.
Boreal	Ecology relating to or characteristic of the climatic zone south of the Arctic, esp. the cold temperate region dominated by taiga and forests of birch, poplar, and conifers.
Caribou	A large North American reindeer. Genus Rangifer: several species, in particular the woodland caribou.
Clearcut	Of an area from which every tree has been cut down and removed.
Consultation	The action or process of formally consulting or discussing.
Ecosystem	A biological community of interacting organisms and their physical environment.

Global Warming	The gradual increase in the overall temperature of the earth's atmosphere due to the greenhouse effect caused by increased levels of carbon dioxide, chlorofluorocarbons, and other pollutants.
Hydroelectric	Relating to or denoting the generation of electricity using flowing water (typically from a reservoir held behind a dam or other barrier) to drive a turbine that powers a generator.
Ice Age	a glacial episode during a past geological period.
Indigenous	Originating or occurring naturally in a particular place.
Natural Resource	Materials or substances such as minerals, forests, water, and fertile land that occur in nature and can be used for economic gain.
Old Growth	Of, relating to, or being a forest characterized by the presence of large old trees, numerous snags and woody debris, and a multilayered canopy and that is usually in a late stage of ecological succession. (Merriam Webster Online)
Profit	A financial gain, esp. the difference between the amount earned and the amount spent in buying, operating, or producing something.

Reservoir	A large natural or artificial lake used as a source of water supply.
Serengeti	A vast plain in Tanzania, west of the Great Rift Valley.
Stewardship	The careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care. (Merriam Webster Online)

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