

Remaema walked lazily through the rain forest towards the river, sucking her favourite wild berries. At the water's edge she washed her sticky hands. The muddy water hurried past her to join the world's largest river – the Amazon. Remaema hear a noise.



It sounded like an insect close to her ear, but it came from the distant river bank. When the buzzing stopped, the tree-tops moved, and one of the tallest trees fell. She hurried home and told her mother what she had seen.

“Child, it is the nabe. You heard the machine they use to cut trees.” Ramaema nodded.

The nabe were white people – strangers. They had come to take away her forest. As the sun set, Remaema's uncle Moawa returned to the yano – the round house which all the families shared.

He proudly carries a new machete and wore a bright red t-shirt. Remaema's father asked where he got such precious things.

“From the nabe,” he replied.

“Brother, you are helping the nabe, who are cutting down our trees?”

“These people are powerful...” Moawa replied angrily.

“They have guns. They can kill us before we get close enough to hit them with an arrow. If we give them what they want, they will reward us. If we don't help them, they will take it anyway.”

Then everyone spoke at once and started arguing. “STOP!”

Her grandfather's shout made Remaema jump. Everyone went quiet.

“I have travelled far, and I have seen the nabe cutting down trees, destroying our world. If we help them, we make our own ruin.”

Day **2** – 31st March 2020 Word meaning

Read the text and highlight the words from the previous day.

Say each word aloud in context.

Does the meaning/word change?

DAY **2** WORD MEANING



Let's focus a bit more on each of the words from the text. Complete the table under each heading.

Vocabulary				
WORDS	SYNONYM	RHYMING WORD	ANTONYM	WORD CLASS
edge				
lazily				
distant				
machete				
precious				