

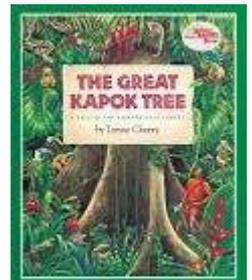
Task 1 Protecting the Environment

The Great Kapok Tree: A Tale of the Amazon Rain Forest by Lynne Cherry

Read the following passage. Then answer the questions in complete sentences. Use details and examples from the story to support your answer.

Several anteaters climbed down the Kapok tree with their young clinging to their backs. The unstriped anteater said to the sleeping man, "Senor, you are chopping down this tree with no thought for the future. And surely you know that what happens tomorrow depends upon what you do today. The big man tells you to chop down a beautiful tree. He does not think of his own children, who tomorrow must live in a world without trees."

1) What did the author mean when she said, "...surely you know that what happens tomorrow depends upon what you do today?"



2. The animals in the book, *The Great Kapok Tree*, were warning the man to save and protect their environment. Today, as citizens of your community, what can you do to protect your environment?

In your answer, be sure to include:

- *Where you live*
- *What you can do to protect your environment*
- *How your actions will protect your environment*