

# Knowledge Organiser The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry

Can discuss a book that has been read, taking turns and listening to what others have to say. Can ask questions to improve understanding of the text.

Can infer characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions and justify these inferences with evidence from the text. Can identify a main idea from an extract of text.

Be able to justify their views drawing evidence from the text and explain their understanding through presentation and debate.

## Star vocabulary

**Squawking** to utter a loud, harsh cry, as a duck or other fowl when frightened

**Lulled** to cause someone to feel calm or to feel they want to sleep

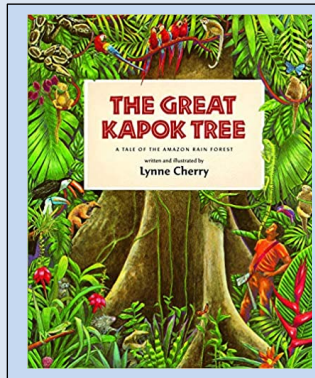
**Boa Constrictor** a non-venomous snake that coils around compresses prey

**Troupe** any group of people working together

**Smouldering** the process of burning slowly with smoke but no flame

**Canopy** the branches and leaves that spread out at the top of a group of trees forming a type of roof

**Hesitated** to pause before you do or say something



Amazon  
Rainforest

## Context

In the Amazon rainforest, a man is chopping down a great kapok tree. Exhausted from his labours, he puts down his axe and rests. As he sleeps, the animals who live in the tree plead with him not to destroy their world.

## Author – Lynne Cherry



Lynne Cherry is an American author and illustrator of nature-themed children's books.

She started writing and illustrating as a 7-year-old child.

She wrote her first story book in 1988.

## Key characters

**Senior** a man who decides he wants to chop down a Kapok tree in the rainforest.

**Boa constrictor** a snake who lives in the kapok tree and pleads with Senior not to cut the Kapok tree down.