

Questions about Rainforest Deforestation

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2. Name one of the three ways given that a rainforest can be destroyed.
Any from: burning, chopping down, flooding.
3. What does 'deforestation' mean?
Clearing a forest area/ chopping, burning down trees/ getting rid of forests.
4. In the fact file, what does the word 'extinct' mean?
None of that animal/species existing ever again/ none left.
5. Why does saving paper help the rainforests?
Paper is made from wood (making it also causes more carbon footprint).
6. Why has the author used an exclamation mark in paragraph two?
The rate of destruction is surprising (discuss this).
7. What fraction of the earth's plant and animal species live in the rainforests?
1/2 (the text says 50%).
8. What is the main reason that rainforests are being destroyed?
Food: Cheap beef, or agricultural crops including soya or palm oil.
9. Which rainforest produces 20% of the world's oxygen?
The Amazon Rainforest.
10. What is your opinion about deforestation? How could you help to stop it?
Open ended for discussion. Answers could discuss raising money for charities, making different choices about food and conserving paper.

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3. What percentage of the rainforests has already gone?
50% (it says ½ in the text).
4. In the fact file, what does the author say will happen in the next quarter of a century?
(28,000) species of animals will become extinct (the text says twenty-five years).
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½ (the text says 50%).
8. List two main reasons why deforestation is occurring.
Any two from: Food: Cheap beef, or agricultural crops including soya or palm oil, using the wood, building roads for mining, generating electricity or digging for oil.
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3. In the final paragraph, what type of adjective is 'rainforest-friendly'?
A compound adjective.
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6. Why has the author used an exclamation mark in the 'Deforestation' paragraph?
The rate of destruction is surprising (discuss this).
7. In the third paragraph the author refers to palm oil as a 'valuable commodity', what is a 'valuable commodity'?
Something that is worth a lot/ something that is very useful / something that is good to trade with because everyone wants it.
8. What is the main reason that deforestation is happening?
Food: Cheap beef, or agricultural crops including soya or palm oil.
9. In the 'How can they be saved?' paragraph, why do you think that the author has asked questions?
To make you ask yourself questions.
10. What is your opinion about deforestation? Will you try and make changes in your daily life?
Open-ended for discussion.