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RAINFOREST!

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Use some different sources of information to find out about the threats to the rainforest and how we can protect them. Record what you find out in the boxes.

Why is the rainforest under threat?



What needs to be done to protect the rainforest?





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Think of some questions you could ask a rainforest expert about deforestation and protecting the rainforests. Write a different question in each speech bubble.



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## Saving the Rainforest

Rainforests around the world are under threat. They are being destroyed for many reasons, causing problems for the environment as well as the people, plants and animals who live there. This is called deforestation.

### Why are the rainforests being destroyed?

- Trees are being cut down for timber to use in building work, to make furniture and for many other uses.
- Wood from rainforest trees is used to make paper, card and cardboard.
- Farmers 'slash and burn' areas of rainforest to clear areas for planting crops and rearing cattle.
- Companies mine areas of rainforest to find precious materials, such as gold and silver.
- Roads are built so that machinery can get to the different areas of rainforest which causes deforestation.



### Why is deforestation a problem?

- Animals lose their homes. This then affects other animals and plants in the habitat. Hundreds of species are becoming extinct.
- Native tribes who depend on the rainforest struggle to survive as more and more of the rainforest is destroyed.
- Deforestation affects the water cycle. Less trees mean less rain.
- Deforestation affects the carbon cycle. With fewer trees, not as much carbon is absorbed from the atmosphere. This causes temperatures to rise around the globe, melting icebergs and causing floods.

### What can be done to save the rainforest?

- Use wood from trees that grow quickly, such as pine, instead of hardwoods that take years to grow.
- Replant trees when others are cut down. This is called reforestation.
- Campaign to have more rainforest lands protected by law.
- Encourage farmers to gather food from the rainforest instead of planting new crops.
- Recycle.
- Don't waste electricity or other forms of power.

