This passage is about a forest fire which burned many trees. In the recent decades, people have cut down a lot of trees in forests for having empty places of building house, roads and for obtaining woods to make money. Frequent forest fires make the matter worse. Some forest fires are caused by accidents, and most is caused by extremely hot weather because of the changes of weather patterns. One remedy for compensating lost tree is to plant new trees quickly, but this takes years to grow. Some researchers think the final solution is to stop the global warming by reducing carbon dioxides gas emission, which means we should decrease industrial activities, use less cars etc. This can make us healthy as well. However, some studies show that forest fire is a process of nature selection that the fittest survive. Thus, there is no need to put out forest fire and the best strategy is to let them burn after fire because new and better trees will grow and this way is more sustainable. I strongly believe that people should make efforts to avoid man-made forest fires, and take measures to less the greenhouse gases emission, and plant more trees.

Natural selection :Natural selection ensures only **the fittest survive** to pass their genes on to the next generation.

Lesson 62 After the fire

　　Firemen had been fighting the forest for nearly three weeks before they could get it under control. A short time before, great trees had covered the countryside for miles around. Now, smoke still rose up from the warm ground over the desolate hills. Winter was coming on and the hills threatened the surrounding villages with destruction, for heavy rain would not only wash away the soil but would cause serious floods as well. When the fire had at last been put out, the forest authorities ordered several tons of a special type of grass-seed which would grow quickly. The seed was sprayed over the ground in huge quantities by aeroplanes. The planes had been planting seed for nearly a month when it began to rain. By then, however, in many places the grass had already taken root. In place of the great trees which had been growing there for centuries patches of green had begun to appear in the blackened soil.