

COMMUNICATION

Tackling deforestation

LEVEL

Upper-Intermediate
(B2)

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LANGUAGE

English



Learning outcomes

- I can recognise and recall a variety of vocabulary related to deforestation.
- I can react to others' opinions on how to tackle deforestation.



Warm-up

Read the facts about deforestation. Which fact surprises you the most?

Around 15% of greenhouse gases come from deforestation.

Chocolate and biscuits are major contributors to deforestation.

We lose around 10 million hectares of forest every year.

If we continue at the current rate, there will be no forests left in 100 years' time.





Vocabulary

deforestation



Deforestation is the cutting down of trees in a large area.

erosion



Deforestation leads to soil **erosion**.

logging



Logging is a major cause of deforestation.

destruction



Deforestation leads to the **destruction** of natural forests.



Vocabulary

agriculture



Trees are often cut down to create land for **agriculture**.

clearance



Land **clearance** involves removing trees from the land.

**greenhouse
gases**



Deforestation releases **greenhouse gases** into the atmosphere.

extraction



The **extraction** of oil and gas is another reason for deforestation.



Vocabulary



Urbanisation is another reason for deforestation.

Deforestation destroys unique **ecosystems**.



Wildfires are natural causes of deforestation.

There has been a **rapid increase** in deforestation in the last 50 years.





Fill in the gaps

Complete the sentence using the correct word.

- 1 Due to _____ erosion, farmers are unable to grow crops or let their animals graze.
- 2 In the Amazon, oil and gas _____ has meant a rapid increase in deforestation.
- 3 _____, or the cutting down of trees, is done to create commercial items such as paper and furniture.
- 4 _____ can be caused by human beings, and they destroy the nutrients in the soil as well as burn trees.
- 5 _____ takes away a forest's protective canopy, meaning that the temperature on the ground rises.

deforestation
wildfires
soil
extraction
logging



Discuss

Which countries are most affected by deforestation?



How worried are you about deforestation?

**What is the main cause of deforestation?
Wildfires or human activity?**



Giving opinions

- Here are some phrases to give your **opinion**.

Giving opinions

It's my opinion that...

I'm under the impression that...

My own feelings on the subject are that...

I hold the view that...



Agreeing or disagreeing

- Here are some phrases to **agree** or **disagree** with someone.

Agreeing

I share your view on...

You and I are on the same page.

You're absolutely right.

I couldn't agree with you more!

Disagreeing

I don't share your view on...

That's highly debatable.

I'm not with you on that.

I see things differently.



I can see where you're coming from. However,...



This is a useful phrase that means, *I understand your point of view, but do not share it!*





What can we do to stop deforestation?

Discuss some solutions in breakout rooms or together as a class. Use the photos to help you!



What's the best way to stop deforestation?

Discuss as a class. Remember to **justify** your opinions.

I hold the view that...

I'm of the opinion that...



Solutions to deforestation

- Attend a protest
- Plant a tree
- Recycle paper and cardboard
- Use less paper
- Reduce meat consumption
- Donate or volunteer for environmental organisations

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Let's save the forests!

Rainforest Action Network
**is a US charity focused on
protecting forests.**

**Their motto is 'Environmentalism with teeth'!
Had you heard of them?**



Use a search engine to
have a look at their
website!



Planning a campaign

1. **Imagine** you work for *Rainforest Action Network*.
2. **Plan** a new campaign for companies in the USA to help save the forest.

1 Take a few minutes to think of a couple of ideas.

2 Share your ideas with the group.

3 Try to agree on a single idea together.





End of the lesson

Idiom

not out of the woods

Meaning: not yet free from difficulties or problems

Example: The economy has recovered since then, but we're **not out of the woods** just yet.



Additional practice



Choose a word from each box

Write a sentence for each one.



deforestation
erosion

logging
destruction

agriculture
clearance

greenhouse gases
extraction



Discuss

**Whose responsibility
is it to stop
deforestation?**

**Refer back to the ideas on
slide 13 if you need to.**





Writing

Aim to write between 80 and 100 words.

Write an email to your local politician.

Say you think (s)he should be doing more to stop deforestation and **explain** your reasons why.





Answer key

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1. soil
 2. extraction
 3. logging
 4. wildfires
 5. deforestation



Summary

Vocabulary related to deforestation

- *deforestation; erosion; logging; destruction; agriculture; clearance; greenhouse gases; extraction.*
- *urbanisation; ecosystems; wildfires; rapid increase.*
- *There has been a **rapid increase** in **deforestation** in the last 50 years.*

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