



## Worksheet One

### The earth is losing its forests

- 1 Presently, trees cover about 30 percent of the earth's surface, but they are being destroyed at an alarming rate, especially in the tropics.
- 2 Timber harvesting is a major reason for the destruction of the forests. Trees are used for building houses, making furniture, and providing pulp for paper products, such as newspapers and magazines. At least 40 hectares of rainforest are being felled every minute, mostly in order to extract the valuable timber.
- 3 Another way that man is destroying the world's forests is by burning them down. In the Amazon, for example, rainforests are being burnt down at a rate of 20 hectares a minutes. The main reason for this is to clear the land for farming. Farmers in rainforest countries are often poor and cannot afford to buy land. Instead, they clear rainforest land to raise their animals and grow their crops. Because tropical rainforest soil is so poor in nutrients, framers cannot reuse the same land year after year. In the following years, farmers just clear more land, destroying the forest piece by piece. Already more than 30 tropical countries have reached a risky level of forest destruction and one-time exporters of timber such as Nigeria and Thailand now have to import timber for their domestic needs.
- 4 Should we get all excited and worried about the loss of the forests? Yes, we should. Healthy trees are a vital part of the environment, and keep the entire balance of the atmosphere agreeable to all life forms. Also, forests are catchment areas for rainwater, holding the rainwater in the leaves of the trees, so that it will not sink so quickly into the earth's crust. Furthermore, the forests help maintain the water cycles in the area. The masses of cloud that provide the rain are formed over the moist forests. Thus, the destruction of forests may also lead to a reduction in rainfall over the area, resulting in drought.



1. What is the Main Idea of the text?

- A. to tell a story about the rain forests
- B. to persuade people to cut rain forests
- C. to give information about the reasons people cut rain forests
- D. to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of rain forests

2. Read the following from paragraph (3).

Farmers in rainforest countries are often poor and cannot afford to buy land. Instead, they clear rainforest land to raise their animals or grow their crops.

What does the underlined pronoun “they” refer to?

- A. crops
- B. animals
- C. farmers
- D. countries

3. Read the following from paragraph (3).

Already more than 30 tropical countries have reached a risky level of forest destruction and one-time exporters of timber such as Nigeria and Thailand now have to import timber for their domestic needs.

Which of the following is CLOSEST IN MEANING to the underlined word?

- A. sad
- B. safe
- C. energetic
- D. dangerous



4. What are the two paper products mentioned in paragraph (2)?

1 <sup>st</sup> product:	
2 <sup>nd</sup> product:	

5. According to paragraph (3), why do farmers clear the rain forests? Mention two reasons.

1 <sup>st</sup> reason:	
2 <sup>nd</sup> reason:	

6. Forests are important in many ways. Support this statement with two pieces of evidence from paragraph (4).

Detail 1:	
Detail 2:	



**Complete the sentences. Use Simple Present or Present Progressive.**

1. He (not / spend) \_\_\_\_\_ his holidays in Spain each year.
2. I (not / meet) \_\_\_\_\_ Francis tonight.
3. They (not / fly) \_\_\_\_\_ to London tomorrow.
4. We (not / work) \_\_\_\_\_ this week.
5. The film (not / begin) \_\_\_\_\_ at 7 o'clock.

**Complete the sentences. Use Simple Present or Present Progressive.**

1. (leave / you) \_\_\_\_\_ the party now?
2. (have / you) \_\_\_\_\_ any brothers or sisters?
3. Who (cook) \_\_\_\_\_ dinner tonight?
4. (send / he) \_\_\_\_\_ you an e-mail every day?



**Complete the sentences with the comparative or superlative form of the adjectives in brackets.**

- 1.- My sister is \_\_\_\_\_ my brother. (intelligent)
- 2.- The blue whale is \_\_\_\_\_ animal. (big)
- 3.- Iceland is \_\_\_\_\_ Spain (cold)
- 4.- This is \_\_\_\_\_ book I've ever read. (good)
- 5.- My neighbour is \_\_\_\_\_ person I know (lucky)
- 6.- Friday is the \_\_\_\_\_ day of the week. (busy)
- 7.- These trainers are much \_\_\_\_\_ those. (cheap)
- 8.- Frank works \_\_\_\_\_ most people. (hard)
- 9.- I'm \_\_\_\_\_ at English than you. (good)
- 10.- Today has been \_\_\_\_\_ day of the year. (hot)
- 11.- This is \_\_\_\_\_ CD I've ever listened. (bad)
- 12.- English is \_\_\_\_\_ Japanese. (easy)
- 13.- Which mountain is \_\_\_\_\_ in the world. (high)
- 14.- John is \_\_\_\_\_ his brother. (clever)
- 15.- English is \_\_\_\_\_ Latin. (useful)
- 16.- What is \_\_\_\_\_ word in English? (common)
- 17.- The Nile is \_\_\_\_\_ river in the world. (long)