

Activity - Rainforest in trouble

Use this activity to stimulate understanding of the impact of deforestation. Pupils rank the nine impacts of deforestation in a diamond and write about the choices they have made.

Curriculum links:

Science:

Recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things

PSHE:

Learning about the importance of respecting and protecting the environment

English:

Articulate and justify answers, arguments and opinions

Starter questions:

Why are trees important?

What is logging?

Can you think of different things that people farm?

This might help:

This Google resource uses satellite time-lapse imagery to show deforestation in Brazil: earthengine.google.org/#intro/Amazon



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Using the nine statements about the impact of deforestation below, fill out the diamond grid on the next page.

Local people's
way of life is
destroyed

There are fewer
species of animals
and plants

The animals'
habitat is
destroyed

The soil becomes
dry and crops
cannot grow

There is more carbon
dioxide released into
the atmosphere

Plants
cannot grow
anymore

People have to move
from the rainforest to
the city

New medicines might
not be discovered
from plants

Trees can't store
carbon in their trunks,
branches and roots

Which statement do you think was most important and why?

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Put the statement that you think is the most important in the top box and the least important in the bottom box.

Most important

Least important