

The Amazon Forest

The Amazon forest, in Brazil, covers five million square kilometers – an area as big as the whole of Europe without Russia. It contains one third (1/3) of the world's trees.

However, the trees are disappearing. By 1974, a quarter of the forest had already been cut down. If the destruction of the forest continues at the same rate, there will be nothing left by the year 2030.

Scientists say that the disappearance of the trees is already causing changes in the climate; so there is less rain than before and it's getting hotter and hotter.

What will happen if more of the Amazon forest is cut down? According to climatologists, two things are likely to happen: there will be serious effects on the world's climate and the air that we breathe will lose some of its oxygen. With more dioxide carbon (CO₂) in the air, the temperature will rise; the ice-caps at the North and South Poles will melt; the sea level will rise and hundreds of seaside towns will be flooded.

If we damage tropical forests, all animals and human beings will be in danger of death.

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Read the text above then do the following activities:

Activity One : Read the text carefully then answer these question (02pts)

1. Are trees disappearing every day?
2. Will we have more oxygen, if we cut trees down?!

Activity two: Read the text then write True / False or Not mentioned (03pts)

- 1- The Amazon forest contains 1/3 of Africa's trees.
- 2- Disappearance of trees is making climate different.
- 3- Temperature will rise to 47° C.

Activity Three : A/ Read the text then find the words closest in meaning to: (01pts)

- 1- tell = 2- cities =

B/ Read the text then find the antonyms of these words. (01pts)

- 1- discontinue ≠ 2- life ≠

Section Two: Mastery of Language

Activity one: Supply capital letters and punctuation where necessary

(2pts)

many tourists visit tikjda forest in winter

Activity two: Write correct form of verbs in brackets

(3pts)

- 1- Algeria (plant) a large forest in the Sahara called « Green dam », in 1971.
- 2- You must (protect) forest from fires.
- 3- We (live) in peace if we protect plants,

Activity three: Find in the text words with the following sounds

(2pts)

/ i / if	/ ai / life
1-	1-
2-	2-

Part Two:

Situation of Integration:

(6pts)

Forests play an important role in our life. They are the lungs that give oxygen to us, but they are in danger.

Write a short paragraph (6 -8 lines) in which you talk about the following:

- How trees are important for men and animals.
- What risks, the forests are facing.
- What we can do to save forests and save life, too.

Use these hints :

- Pollution, fires, deforestation
- Take care, plant, association
- Law, punishment ...etc.

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