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What do you see when you look at these images?

What do you think happened to the animals, insects and plants that used to live here?

What has happened here is called 'deforestation'. There are a few different reasons for deforestation. Sometimes, trees are cut down to make paper for the rest of the world, or for wood for fires. The people who do this are called 'loggers'. Farmers also clear areas of land to make more space to plant crops or to keep their own animals. Areas of rainforest are also flattened for new roads to be built.

Deforestation is clearing an area of rainforest the size of a football field **every second**. If this does not stop, there will be no rainforests anywhere in the world in 100 years. There are **30 million** species of plants and animals living in rainforests all over the world. What will happen to them when the rainforests disappear?

Write to the loggers and plead with them to stop destroying the rainforests. You could research some of the different plants or animals that will lose their habitat, and share this with the loggers who are causing this problem.

You could also create some posters to be displayed around your school, telling everyone how important it is to recycle paper. If we recycle paper, we save trees, and if we save trees, we can help save rainforests.

If you have an Eco Group in your school, you could work with them to help encourage the rest of the school to recycle paper!



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