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Level 1 – 13th February, 2020

Brazil sends security force to fight deforestation

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200213-deforestation-1.html>

Brazil will use security forces to fight deforestation in the Amazon. Too many trees are being cut down in the world's largest rainforest. Deforestation could increase in 2020. The year has started badly for our environment. Deforestation in the Amazon doubled in January. Many areas of the Amazon produce more CO₂ than oxygen. The Amazon is called "the lungs" of the planet. It plays a big role in helping the Earth's environment to change CO₂ into oxygen.

The special security force will help track down and stop illegal loggers. There was a big increase in illegal logging in 2019. Police with military training will work with environmental agency officials. Regional governments also need to change. Some regional governments are selling land to developers. This is increasing the speed of deforestation. To make things worse, the governments are not replanting enough trees in the jungle.

Sources: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-brazil-environment/brazil-authorizes-national-security-force-to-fight-deforestation-idUSKBN2041XI>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200213-deforestation-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Too many trees are being | a. role |
| 2. Deforestation could | b. cut down |
| 3. Deforestation in the Amazon | c. into oxygen |
| 4. produce more CO2 | d. the planet |
| 5. "the lungs" of | e. doubled in January |
| 6. It plays a big | f. environment |
| 7. helping the Earth's | g. increase in 2020 |
| 8. change CO2 | h. than oxygen |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The special security | a. need to change |
| 2. track down and stop illegal | b. logging |
| 3. a big increase in illegal | c. enough trees |
| 4. Police with military | d. loggers |
| 5. environmental agency | e. land to developers |
| 6. governments also | f. force |
| 7. governments are selling | g. officials |
| 8. governments are not replanting | h. training |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200213-deforestation-1.html>

Brazil (1) _____ forces to fight deforestation in the Amazon. Too many trees are (2) _____ in the world's largest rainforest. Deforestation could increase in 2020. The year (3) _____ for our environment. Deforestation in the Amazon (4) _____. Many areas of the Amazon produce more (5) _____. The Amazon is called (6) _____ the planet. It plays a big role in helping the Earth's environment to change CO2 into oxygen.

The special security force (7) _____ down and stop illegal loggers. There was a big (8) _____ logging in 2019. Police with (9) _____ work with environmental agency officials. Regional governments also need to change. Some regional governments (10) _____ to developers. This is increasing (11) _____ deforestation. To make things worse, the governments are not replanting enough trees (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2020/202013-deforestation-1.html>

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DEFORESTATION SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200213-deforestation-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about deforestation in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

