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Level 2 - 13th February, 2020

Brazil sends security force to fight deforestation

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THE READING

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Brazil will use its security forces to fight deforestation in the Amazon. It is worried that too many trees are being cut down in the world's largest rainforest. There could be a big increase in deforestation in 2020. The year has started badly for our environment. Deforestation in the Amazon doubled in January compared with January 2019. A new report says many areas of the Amazon produce more CO2 than oxygen. The Amazon is called "the lungs" of the planet. It plays an important role in helping the Earth's environment as it changes CO2 into oxygen.

Brazil's Justice Minister approved the special security force to help track down and stop illegal loggers. There was a big increase in illegal logging in 2019. Last year, damaging fires also swept across large parts of the rainforest. Police with special military-style training will work with environmental agency officials. Regional governments also need to change. Some regional governments are selling off land to developers. This is increasing the pace of deforestation. To make things worse, the regional governments are doing little to replant trees in the jungle.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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- 1. Brazil will use its
- 2. too many trees are being
- 3. a big increase in deforestation
- 4. Deforestation in the Amazon
- 5. compared with
- 6. The Amazon is called "the lungs"
- 7. It plays an important
- 8. it changes CO2

- a. role in helping
- b. January 2019
- c. into oxygen
- d. in 2020
- e. of the planet
- f. cut down
- g. security forces
- h. doubled in January

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- 1. help track down and stop
- 2. a big increase in illegal
- 3. fires also swept across large
- 4. special military-style
- 5. governments are selling off land
- 6. This is increasing the pace
- 7. To make things
- 8. doing little to replant

- a. of deforestation
- b. training
- c. trees in the jungle
- d. illegal loggers
- e. worse
- f. logging in 2019
- g. parts of the rainforest
- h. to developers

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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DEFORESTATION SURVEY

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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).

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