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Level 2 – 13th February, 2020

Brazil sends security force to fight deforestation

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200213-deforestation-2.html>

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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200213-deforestation-2.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Brazil will use its | a. role in helping |
| 2. too many trees are being | b. January 2019 |
| 3. a big increase in deforestation | c. into oxygen |
| 4. Deforestation in the Amazon | d. in 2020 |
| 5. compared with | e. of the planet |
| 6. The Amazon is called "the lungs" | f. cut down |
| 7. It plays an important | g. security forces |
| 8. it changes CO2 | h. doubled in January |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. help track down and stop | a. of deforestation |
| 2. a big increase in illegal | b. training |
| 3. fires also swept across large | c. trees in the jungle |
| 4. special military-style | d. illegal loggers |
| 5. governments are selling off land | e. worse |
| 6. This is increasing the pace | f. logging in 2019 |
| 7. To make things | g. parts of the rainforest |
| 8. doing little to replant | h. to developers |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200213-deforestation-2.html>

Brazil will use its security (1) _____ deforestation in the Amazon. It is worried that too many trees (2) _____ down in the world's largest rainforest. There could be a big increase in deforestation in 2020. The year has (3) _____ our environment. Deforestation in the Amazon doubled in January compared with January 2019. A new report says (4) _____ the Amazon produce more CO2 than oxygen. The Amazon is (5) _____ of the planet. It plays an important role in helping the Earth's environment as it changes (6) _____.

Brazil's Justice Minister (7) _____ security force to help track down and stop illegal loggers. There was a big increase in (8) _____ 2019. Last year, damaging fires also swept (9) _____ of the rainforest. Police with special military-style training will work with environmental agency officials. Regional governments also (10) _____. Some regional governments are (11) _____ to developers. This is increasing the pace of deforestation. To make things worse, the regional governments are doing (12) _____ trees in the jungle.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2020/202013-deforestation-2.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) _____

