

Breaking News English.com

Ready-to-Use English Lessons by Sean Banville

**"1,000 IDEAS & ACTIVITIES
FOR LANGUAGE TEACHERS"**

breakingnewsenglish.com/book.html

**Thousands more free lessons
from Sean's other websites**

www.freeeslmaterials.com/sean_banville_lessons.html

Level 3 – 13th February, 2020

Brazil sends security force to fight deforestation

FREE online quizzes, mp3 listening and more for this lesson here:

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

Contents

The Article	2	Discussion (Student-Created Qs)	15
Warm-Ups	3	Language Work (Cloze)	16
Vocabulary	4	Spelling	17
Before Reading / Listening	5	Put The Text Back Together	18
Gap Fill	6	Put The Words In The Right Order	19
Match The Sentences And Listen	7	Circle The Correct Word	20
Listening Gap Fill	8	Insert The Vowels (a, e, i, o, u)	21
Comprehension Questions	9	Punctuate The Text And Add Capitals	22
Multiple Choice - Quiz	10	Put A Slash (/) Where The Spaces Are	23
Role Play	11	Free Writing	24
After Reading / Listening	12	Academic Writing	25
Student Survey	13	Homework	26
Discussion (20 Questions)	14	Answers	27

Please try Levels 0, 1 and 2 (they are easier).

Twitter



twitter.com/SeanBanville

Facebook



www.facebook.com/pages/BreakingNewsEnglish/155625444452176

THE ARTICLE

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

Brazil has asked its security forces to help fight deforestation in the Amazon. The Brazilian government is worried that a dangerous level of trees is being cut down in the world's largest rainforest. There are fears that there could be a big increase in deforestation in 2020. The year has already started badly for the trees and our environment. Deforestation in the Amazon doubled in January compared with the same month in 2019. A new report says that many areas of the Amazon produce more CO₂ than oxygen. The reverse is meant to happen. The Amazon is often called "the lungs" of the planet. It plays a vital role in helping the Earth's environment as it changes CO₂ into oxygen.

Brazil's Justice Minister, Sergio Moro, approved the setting up of a special security force to help track down and stop illegal loggers. There was a big increase in the amount of illegal logging in 2019. This happened at the same time as damaging fires that swept across large swathes of the rainforest. The security force will consist of police with special military-style training. They will work with environmental agency officials. Change also needs to come from regional governments. Some governments in the region are selling off land to developers. This is accelerating the pace of deforestation. To make things worse, the regional governments are doing little to replenish the jungle.

Sources: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-brazil-environment/brazil-authorizes-national-security-force-to-fight-deforestation-idUSKBN2041XI>
<https://www.smh.com.au/world/south-america/brazil-to-send-forces-in-to-fight-deforestation-20200211-p53zsc.html>
<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/americas/2020-02-10/amazon-nearing-point-no-return>

WARM-UPS

1. DEFORESTATION: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about deforestation. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

Brazil / security / Amazon / trees / rainforest / environment / CO2 / oxygen / lungs / track down / illegal / logging / fires / military / training / deforestation / land / jungle

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY: Students A **strongly** believe illegal logging should be a crime against humanity; Students B **strongly** believe a \$100 fine is enough. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. RAINFOREST: How can we better protect these things? How far will governments act? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Better Protection	What Governments Will Do
The rainforest		
Indigenous peoples		
Clean rivers		
Rare trees		
Endangered frogs		
Oxygen levels		

5. WORRIED: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "worried". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. THREATS: Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest threats to the Amazon at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Illegal logging
- Fires
- Pollution
- Overconsumption
- Eating meat
- Global warming
- Poaching
- Corruption

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 1. level | a. The two organs in our body that we use to breathe. |
| 2. rainforest | b. A position on a real or imaginary scale that shows the amount, quantity, extent, or quality of something. |
| 3. fear | c. Became twice as much or as many. |
| 4. increase | d. A forest that has many, many trees close together and is rich in biodiversity, usually found in tropical areas with very heavy rainfall. |
| 5. doubled | e. Become or make greater or larger in size, amount, intensity, or degree. |
| 6. compared | f. Bad feelings caused by the belief that someone or something is dangerous, likely to cause pain, or a threat. |
| 7. lungs | g. Looked at the things that are the same or different between things. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| 8. approved | h. Officially agree to or accept something. |
| 9. track down | i. The speed or rate at which something happens, changes, or develops. |
| 10. illegal | j. Find someone or something after a very careful or difficult search. |
| 11. swathes | k. Increasing in speed or amount. |
| 12. military | l. Against the law. |
| 13. accelerating | m. Large areas of something, especially land. |
| 14. pace | n. Relating to or about soldiers or armed forces. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. Brazil's security force will help fight deforestation in Indonesia. **T / F**
- b. Deforestation doubled in the Amazon in January compared to last year. **T / F**
- c. Many areas of the amazon now produces more CO2 than oxygen. **T / F**
- d. The Amazon is often called the earth's lungs. **T / F**
- e. Brazil's justice minister will track down illegal loggers. **T / F**
- f. The amount of illegal logging fell in 2019. **T / F**
- g. Police with military-style training will help to find the illegal loggers. **T / F**
- h. Regional governments are planting millions and millions of new trees. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. asked | a. establishing |
| 2. worried | b. regions |
| 3. increase | c. speed |
| 4. areas | d. concerned |
| 5. vital | e. engulfed |
| 6. setting up | f. requested |
| 7. track down | g. speeding up |
| 8. swept across | h. important |
| 9. accelerating | i. find |
| 10. pace | j. rise |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|------------------------------|
| 1. there could be a big increase in | a. swathes of the rainforest |
| 2. Deforestation in the Amazon | b. Earth's environment |
| 3. many areas of the Amazon produce more | c. to developers |
| 4. The Amazon is often called "the lungs" | d. doubled in January |
| 5. It plays a vital role in helping the | e. stop illegal loggers |
| 6. help track down and | f. CO2 than oxygen |
| 7. fires that swept across large | g. style training |
| 8. police with special military- | h. pace of deforestation |
| 9. selling off land | i. of the planet |
| 10. accelerating the | j. deforestation in 2020 |

GAP FILL

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

Brazil has asked its security forces to help fight deforestation in the Amazon. The Brazilian government is (1) _____ that a dangerous level of trees is being cut down in the world's largest rainforest. There are (2) _____ that there could be a big increase in deforestation in 2020. The year has already started (3) _____ for the trees and our environment. Deforestation in the Amazon (4) _____ in January compared with the same month in 2019. A new report says that many (5) _____ of the Amazon produce more CO2 than oxygen. The (6) _____ is meant to happen. The Amazon is often called "the (7) _____ " of the planet. It plays a (8) _____ role in helping the Earth's environment as it changes CO2 into oxygen.

badly
areas
vital
worried
lungs
doubled
fears
reverse

Brazil's Justice Minister, Sergio Moro, (9) _____ the setting up of a special security force to help track down and stop (10) _____ loggers. There was a big increase in the amount of illegal logging in 2019. This happened at the same time as (11) _____ fires that swept across large (12) _____ of the rainforest. The security force will consist of police with special military-style training. They will work with environmental (13) _____ officials. Change also needs to come from (14) _____ governments. Some governments in the region are selling off land to developers. This is accelerating the (15) _____ of deforestation. To make things worse, the regional governments are doing little to replenish the (16) _____.

agency
pace
approved
swathes
jungle
illegal
regional
damaging

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) The Brazilian government is worried that a dangerous _____ is being cut
 - a. level of these
 - b. level off trees
 - c. rebel off these
 - d. level of trees
- 2) The year has already started _____ trees
 - a. bad for the
 - b. badly from the
 - c. badly for the
 - d. bad of the
- 3) A new report says that many areas of the Amazon produce more CO2 _____
 - a. than oxygen
 - b. of oxygen
 - c. that oxygen
 - d. from oxygen
- 4) The Amazon is often called "_____ " of the planet
 - a. the lungs
 - b. the kidneys
 - c. the livers
 - d. the brains
- 5) It plays a vital role in helping the Earth's environment _____ CO2 into oxygen
 - a. as it changes
 - b. as it chances
 - c. as it chains
 - d. as it charges
- 6) a special security force to help track down and stop _____
 - a. ill eagle vloggers
 - b. illegally bloggers
 - c. illegal loggers
 - d. ill legal lodgers
- 7) There was a big increase in the amount of illegal _____
 - a. log in in 2019
 - b. logging in 2019
 - c. logging in in 2019
 - d. logged in 2019
- 8) at the same time as damaging fires that swept across large _____ rainforest
 - a. swathe of the
 - b. sways of the
 - c. swains of the
 - d. swathes of the
- 9) They will work with environmental _____
 - a. agents officials
 - b. urgency officials
 - c. emergency officials
 - d. agency officials
- 10) This is accelerating _____ deforestation
 - a. the space of
 - b. the pace of
 - c. the pate of
 - d. the pays of

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

Brazil has asked its security forces (1) _____ deforestation in the Amazon. The Brazilian government is worried that a dangerous (2) _____ is being cut down in the world's largest rainforest. There are fears that there could be a big increase in deforestation in 2020. The year has already (3) _____ the trees and our environment. Deforestation in the Amazon (4) _____ compared with the same month in 2019. A new report says that (5) _____ the Amazon produce more CO2 than oxygen. The reverse is meant to happen. The Amazon is often called "the lungs" of the planet. It plays a vital role in helping the Earth's environment as it changes (6) _____.

Brazil's Justice Minister, Sergio Moro, approved the (7) _____ a special security force to help track down and stop illegal loggers. There was a big increase in the (8) _____ logging in 2019. This happened at the same time as damaging fires that swept across (9) _____ the rainforest. The security force will consist of police with special military-style training. They will work with environmental agency officials. Change also needs to (10) _____ governments. Some governments in the region are selling off land to developers. This is accelerating (11) _____ deforestation. To make things worse, the regional governments are doing little to (12) _____.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. Where will Brazil's security force help to fight?
2. What are there fears of an increase of in 2020?
3. How much more deforestation was in January 2020 than January 2019?
4. What are some areas of the Amazon producing more of than oxygen?
5. What is the Amazon sometimes called?
6. Who will the special security force help to track down?
7. What affected large swathes of the Amazon in 2019?
8. What kind of training will the security force have?
9. What governments need to change in Brazil?
10. What are governments not doing to the jungle?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) Where will Brazil's security force help to fight?
 - a) Patagonia
 - b) the Amazon
 - c) the Caribbean
 - d) Machu Picchu
- 2) What are there fears of an increase of in 2020?
 - a) corruption
 - b) species extinctions
 - c) global warming
 - d) deforestation
- 3) How much more deforestation was in January 2020 than January 2019?
 - a) four times
 - b) triple
 - c) double
 - d) ten times
- 4) What are some areas of the Amazon producing more of than oxygen?
 - a) CO₂
 - b) NO
 - c) NO₂
 - d) NaCl
- 5) What is the Amazon sometimes called?
 - a) the eyes of the planet
 - b) the lungs of the planet
 - c) the kidneys of the planet
 - d) the feet of the planet
- 6) Who will the special security force help to track down?
 - a) illegal loggers
 - b) climate activists
 - c) indigenous people
 - d) cattle farmers
- 7) What affected large swathes of the Amazon in 2019?
 - a) locusts
 - b) drought
 - c) fires
 - d) disease
- 8) What kind of training will the security force have?
 - a) military-style training
 - b) environment protection training
 - c) veterinarian training
 - d) survival training
- 9) What governments need to change in Brazil?
 - a) city governments
 - b) local governments
 - c) national governments
 - d) regional governments
- 10) What are governments not doing to the jungle?
 - a) protecting it
 - b) promoting it
 - c) replenishing it
 - d) setting fire to it

ROLE PLAY

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

Role A – Illegal Logging

You think illegal logging is the biggest threat to the Amazon. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their threats aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): pollution, corruption or fires.

Role B – Pollution

You think pollution is the biggest threat to the Amazon. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their threats aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): illegal logging, corruption or fires.

Role C – Corruption

You think corruption is the biggest threat to the Amazon. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their threats aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): pollution, illegal logging or fires.

Role D – Fires

You think fires are the biggest threat to the Amazon. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their threats aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): pollution, corruption or illegal logging.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'security' and 'force'.

security	force
-----------------	--------------

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• asked• largest• 2020• same• happen• role	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• special• amount• fires• police• selling• worse
---	---

DEFORESTATION SURVEY

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

DEFORESTATION DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'Amazon'?
3. What do you know about the Amazon?
4. How much do you care about the Amazon rainforest?
5. Why is there so much deforestation in the Amazon?
6. What negative effects does deforestation have?
7. Why do governments allow deforestation?
8. Do you think the Amazon security force will work?
9. Why is the Amazon called 'the lungs' of the planet?
10. What would you do for a week in the Amazon?

Brazil sends security force to fight deforestation – 13th February, 2020
Thousands more free lessons at breakingnewsenglish.com

DEFORESTATION DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'deforestation'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Why is the Amazon rainforest so important?
15. What would you like to ask the illegal loggers?
16. Can we ever reverse the damage done to the Amazon?
17. How will the security forces catch the illegal loggers?
18. Why are regional governments selling off Amazon land?
19. Should illegal logging be a crime against humanity?
20. What questions would you like to ask the security force?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Copyright © breakingnewsenglish.com 2020

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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

Brazil has asked its security forces to (1) _____ fight deforestation in the Amazon. The Brazilian government is worried that a dangerous (2) _____ of trees is being cut down in the world's largest rainforest. There are fears that there could be a big increase (3) _____ deforestation in 2020. The year has already started badly for the trees and our environment. Deforestation in the Amazon (4) _____ in January compared with the same month in 2019. A new report says that many areas of the Amazon produce more CO₂ than oxygen. The (5) _____ is meant to happen. The Amazon is often called "the lungs" of the planet. It plays a vital (6) _____ in helping the Earth's environment as it changes CO₂ into oxygen.

Brazil's Justice Minister, Sergio Moro, approved the setting (7) _____ of a special security force to help track (8) _____ and stop illegal loggers. There was a big increase in the amount of illegal logging in 2019. This happened at the same time as damaging fires that (9) _____ across large swathes of the rainforest. The security force will consist (10) _____ police with special military-style training. They will work with environmental agency officials. Change also needs to come from regional governments. Some governments in the region are selling (11) _____ land to developers. This is accelerating the pace of deforestation. To make things worse, the regional governments are doing (12) _____ to replenish the jungle.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) helpful | (b) helpless | (c) help | (d) helping |
| 2. | (a) level | (b) rebel | (c) rival | (d) rabble |
| 3. | (a) in | (b) at | (c) on | (d) as |
| 4. | (a) doubled | (b) twice | (c) dueted | (d) dueled |
| 5. | (a) severe | (b) reserve | (c) severance | (d) reverse |
| 6. | (a) lull | (b) roll | (c) LOL | (d) role |
| 7. | (a) up | (b) on | (c) in | (d) increase |
| 8. | (a) over | (b) up | (c) in | (d) down |
| 9. | (a) swept | (b) dusted | (c) polished | (d) cleansed |
| 10. | (a) on | (b) of | (c) by | (d) to |
| 11. | (a) at | (b) off | (c) to | (d) by |
| 12. | (a) little | (b) small | (c) few | (d) tiny |

SPELLING

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

Paragraph 1

1. a dangerous leelv
2. Deforestation in the Amazon ebdudlo
3. cmreaodp with the same month
4. produce more CO2 than gexony
5. The veserre is meant to happen
6. It plays a ltvai role

Paragraph 2

7. poeradpv the setting up
8. the amount of gaelill logging
9. The security force will sncsiot of police
10. work with environmental gcynae officials
11. This is accelerating the paec
12. the aiglnero governments

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () rainforest. There are fears that there could be a big increase in deforestation in 2020. The year has already started
- () of the planet. It plays a vital role in helping the Earth's environment as it changes CO2 into oxygen.
- () badly for the trees and our environment. Deforestation in the Amazon
- () Brazil's Justice Minister, Sergio Moro, approved the setting up of a special security force to help track
- () in the region are selling off land to developers. This is accelerating the pace
- () more CO2 than oxygen. The reverse is meant to happen. The Amazon is often called "the lungs"
- () down and stop illegal loggers. There was a big increase in the amount of illegal logging in
- () environmental agency officials. Change also needs to come from regional governments. Some governments
- () worried that a dangerous level of trees is being cut down in the world's largest
- (**1**) Brazil has asked its security forces to help fight deforestation in the Amazon. The Brazilian government is
- () of deforestation. To make things worse, the regional governments are doing little to replenish the jungle.
- () of the rainforest. The security force will consist of police with special military-style training. They will work with
- () 2019. This happened at the same time as damaging fires that swept across large swathes
- () doubled in January compared with the same month in 2019. A new report says that many areas of the Amazon produce

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. trees down . level of A is dangerous cut
2. year The has trees . badly the for started
3. CO2 . Amazon more Many of areas the produce
4. of planet . called "the lungs" Often the
5. A environment . vital the role helping Earth's in
6. security setting the up Approved a force of
7. logging of increases amount in Big illegal the
8. the swathes large of Swept rainforest . across
9. also needs regional governments . Change to come from
10. doing jungle . to the replenish are Governments little

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

Brazil has asked its security forces to help *fighting / fight* deforestation in the Amazon. The Brazilian government is *worried / worries* that a dangerous level of trees is being cut down *on / in* the world's largest rainforest. There are fears that there could be a big increase *in / at* deforestation in 2020. The year has already started *bad / badly* for the trees and our environment. Deforestation in the Amazon *twice / doubled* in January compared with the same month in 2019. A new report says that many *area / areas* of the Amazon produce more CO2 than oxygen. The *reserve / reverse* is meant to happen. The Amazon is often called "the lungs" *of / off* the planet. It plays a vital role in helping the Earth's environment as it changes CO2 *onto / into* oxygen.

Brazil's Justice Minister, Sergio Moro, *approval / approved* the setting up of a special security force to help *track / up* down and stop illegal loggers. There was a big increase *at / in* the amount of illegal logging in 2019. This happened at the same time as *damaging / damaged* fires that swept across large swathes of the rainforest. The security force will *contrast/ consist* of police with special military-style *trained / training*. They will work with environmental agency officials. Change also needs to come from *regionally / regional* governments. Some governments in the region are selling off *landing / land* to developers. This is accelerating the *pace / space* of deforestation. To make things worse, the regional governments are doing *little / small* to replenish the jungle.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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

B r_z_l h_s _s k_d _t s s_c_r_t y f_r c_s t_ h_l p
f_g h t d_f_r_s t_t__ n _n t h_ A m_z_n . T h_ B
r_z_l__ n g_v_r n m_n t _s w_r r__ d t h_t _ d_n
g_r__ s l_v_l _f t_r__ s _s b__ n g c_t d_w n _n t
h_ w_r l d 's l_r g_s t r__ n f_r_s t . T h_r_ r_ f__ r
s t h_t t h_r_ c__ l d b__ b_g _n c_r__ s_ _n
d_f_r_s t_t__ n _n 2 0 2 0 . T h_ y__ r h_s _l r__ d y
s t_r t_d b_d l y f_r t h_ t_r__ s _n d __ r _n v_r_n
m_n t . D_f_r_s t_t__ n _n t h_ A m_z_n d__ b l_d _n
J_n__ r y c_m p_r_d w_t h t h_ s_m_ m_n t h _n 2 0
1 9 . A n_w r_p_r t s_y s t h_t m_n y _r__ s _f t
h_ A m_z_n p_r_d_c_ m_r_ C O 2 t h_n _x y_g_n . T
h_ r_v_r s__ s m__ n t t_ h_p p_n . T h_ A m_z_n _s
_f t_n c_l l_d " t h_ l_n g s " _f t h_ p_l_n_t . I t p
l_y s _ v_t_l r_l_ _n h_l p_n g t h_ E_r t h 's _n
v_r_n m_n t _s _t c h_n g_s C O 2 _n t_ _x y_g_n .

B r_z_l 's J_s t_c_ M_n_s t_r , S_r g__ M_r_ , _p p
r_v_d t h_ s_t t_n g _p _f _s p_c__ l s_c_r_t y f_r
c_ t_ h_l p t_r_c k d_w n _n d s_t_p _l_l_g_l l_g g_r
s . T h_r_ w_s _ b_g _n c_r__ s_ _n t h_ _m__ n t _f
_l_l_g_l l_g g_n g _n 2 0 1 9 . T h_s h_p p_n_d _t t
h_ s_m_ t_m_ _s d_m_g_n g f_r_s t h_t s_w_p t _c
r_s s l_r g_ s_w_t h_s _f t h_ r__ n f_r_s t . T h_
s_c_r_t y f_r c_ w_l l c_n s_s t _f p_l_c_ w_t h s
p_c__ l m_l_t_r y - s_t y_l_ t_r__ n_n g . T h_y w_l l
w_r k w_t h _n v_r_n m_n t_l _g_n c_y _f f_c__ l s . C
h_n g_ _l s_ n__ d s t_ c_m_ f_r_m r_g__ n_l g_v_r_n
m_n t s . S_m_ g_v_r n m_n t s _n t h_ r_g__ n _r_
s_l_l_n g _f f l_n d t_ d_v_l_p_r s . T h_s _s _c
c_l_r_t_n g t h_ p_c_ _f d_f_r_s t_t__ n . T_ m_k_ t
h_n g_s w_r s_ , t h_ r_g__ n_l g_v_r_n m_n t s _r_
d__ n g l_t t_l_ t_ r_p_l_n_s h t h_ j_n g_l_ .

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

Brazil has asked its security forces to help fight deforestation in the Amazon. The Brazilian government is worried that a dangerous level of trees is being cut down in the world's largest rainforest. There are fears that there could be a big increase in deforestation in 2020. The year has already started badly for the trees and our environment. Deforestation in the Amazon doubled in January compared with the same month in 2019. A new report says that many areas of the Amazon produce more CO₂ than oxygen. The reverse is meant to happen. The Amazon is often called the lungs of the planet. It plays a vital role in helping the Earth's environment as it changes CO₂ into oxygen.

Brazil's justice minister Sergio Moro approved the setting up of a special security force to help track down and stop illegal loggers. There was a big increase in the amount of illegal logging in 2019. This happened at the same time as damaging fires that swept across large swathes of the rainforest. The security force will consist of police with special military-style training. They will work with environmental agency officials. Change also needs to come from regional governments. Some governments in the region are selling off land to developers. This is accelerating the pace of deforestation. To make things worse, the regional governments are doing little to replenish the jungle.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2020/2020213-deforestation.html>

Brazil has asked its security force to help fight deforestation in the Amazon. The Brazilian government is worried that a dangerous level of trees is being cut down in the world's largest rain forest. There are fears that there could be a big increase in deforestation in 2020. The year has already started badly for the trees and our environment. Deforestation in the Amazon doubled in January compared with the same month in 2019. A new report says that many areas of the Amazon produce more CO₂ than oxygen. The reverse is meant to happen. The Amazon is often called "the lungs" of the planet. It plays a vital role in helping the Earth's environment as it changes CO₂ into oxygen. Brazil's Justice Minister, Sergio Moro, approved the setting up of a special security force to help track down and stop illegal loggers. There was a big increase in the amount of illegal logging in 2019. This happened at the same time as damaging fires that swept across large swathes of the rain forest. This security force will consist of police with special military-style training. They will work with environmental agency officials. Change also needs to come from regional governments. Some governments in the region are selling off land to developers. This is accelerating the pace of deforestation. To make things worse, the regional governments are doing little to replenish the jungle.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. DEFORESTATION: Make a poster about deforestation. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. ILLEGAL LOGGING: Write a magazine article about making illegal deforestation a crime against humanity. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on deforestation. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to reduce illegal logging. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b 2. d 3. f 4. e 5. c 6. g 7. a
8. h 9. j 10. l 11. m 12. n 13. k 14. i

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b T c T d T e F f F g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. d	3. j	4. b	5. h
6. a	7. i	8. e	9. g	10. c

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. The Amazon
2. Deforestation
3. Twice as much (double)
4. CO2
5. The lungs of the planet
6. Illegal loggers
7. Fires
8. Military-style training
9. Regional governments
10. Replenishing it

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. A dangerous level of trees is cut down.
2. The year has started badly for the trees.
3. Many areas of the Amazon produce more CO2.
4. Often called "the lungs" of the planet.
5. A vital role in helping the Earth's environment.
6. Approved the setting up of a security force
7. Big increases in the amount of illegal logging
8. Swept across large swathes of the rainforest.
9. Change also needs to come from regional governments.
10. Governments are doing little to replenish the jungle.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. c 4. a 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. d 10. c

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)