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DID YOU KNOW...?

Around 30% of the Earth's land is covered in forest.

On land, 80% of known plant and animal species can be found in forests. A square kilometre of tropical rainforest may be home to more than 1,000 species.



Trees release oxygen, so forests are important to the air we breathe. They also provide us with shelter, water, food and fuel.

One and a half acres of rainforest is destroyed every second, equivalent to the loss of thirty-six football pitches every minute.

This is known as deforestation. If deforestation continues at its current rate, it will take less than one hundred years for all rainforests to be destroyed.

Agriculture, along with cattle farming, is the main cause of deforestation. A rise in demand for beef means large areas of forest are cleared to make way for cattle and the crops that are needed to feed them.

As well as destroying important habitats, because trees absorb carbon dioxide, deforestation results in an increase in carbon dioxide into the atmosphere – one of the main causes of climate change.



Do you know any other facts about forests?









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There are many things you can do to try and discourage the amount of deforestation:




Pick products that require less packaging.




Reuse paper and plastic bags.




Support eco-friendly companies.



Be active and plant trees – in your home or even at school.



Eat less meat to reduce the amount of animal farming.



Learn more about deforestation and help spread the word!

What else could you do to help stop deforestation?





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It's time for your own autumnal outdoor adventure. Go on a scavenger hunt and see if you can find one of each of the items below. Tick them off as you go:

Find a conker

Spot a snail

Find a leaf in each of these autumnal colours:

Orange

Red

Brown

Yellow

Find an acorn

Spot a squirrel

Can you see any animal footprints?
Draw them below!

