

**Lesson Objectives:**

- Answer simple comprehension about recycling

**Step to Success:**

- Read text
- Identify keywords in questions
- Write answer in **COMPLETE SENTENCES**

## What's Happening to Tropical Rainforests

In the past trees were cut down to clear land to grow food locally and graze animals. This is subsistence farming. But today the trees and the land are used to grow crops for products like soy, palm oil, timber, paper and others.

1) Why are rainforests being cleared in the past?

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2) What kind of crops are grown on the cleared land?

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Every year about 13 million hectares of rainforest are lost – the same as 8.5 million football pitches a year, or an amazing 23,483 pitches a day. Cattle farming, plantations, paper mills, mining, roads and towns are replacing the trees.

3) How many hectares of rainforest are lost every year?

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4) What are the trees replaced with?

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Cutting down rainforests means we lose the trees, plants and animals and it affects our climate and the way we live. The rainforests support our way of life and their loss will affect us all.

5) What happens if we keep on cutting down the trees?

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