

Fill in the gaps with the verbs in brackets in the

## present simple or present continuous.

Rainforests \_\_\_\_\_ (disappear), and we all \_\_\_\_\_ (know) that humans are the main cause of this destruction. Every year we \_\_\_\_\_ (cut down) an area of rainforest the size of New Jersey. Every hour we \_\_\_\_\_ (destroy) 6000 acres of rainforest (that's 4000 football fields). What we \_\_\_\_\_ (not realise) is that we \_\_\_\_\_ (destroy) the planet where our children and grandchildren have to live. We \_\_\_\_\_ (need) the rainforests; they \_\_\_\_\_ (produce) oxygen and \_\_\_\_\_ (eliminate) carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), cleaning the atmosphere. But why \_\_\_\_\_ (the forests/disappear) so quickly? Well, experts \_\_\_\_\_ (agree) that there are two main reasons. The most important is human activity. Big companies \_\_\_\_\_ (cut down) more and more trees every day and this \_\_\_\_\_ (cause) damage to the land. The way of life in the rainforests \_\_\_\_\_ (also/change) because of climate change. Now there is less rain and this \_\_\_\_\_ (cause) more and more trees to die. As a consequence of the droughts, the risk of fires \_\_\_\_\_ (increase) dramatically. Fortunately, it \_\_\_\_\_ (seem) that now some governments \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) to understand the problem, and they \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to control these activities. Some of them really \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to put an end to this problem, although a few big companies with a lot of power are in their way.