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 (C02), 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.

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