Unit 9

Lesson 4 : Plant a tree !

South America

The world's largest tropical forest is in South America – the Amazon Rainforest. It makes up 57% of the world's forests and is very important for the environment. Children at a school in San Luis, Argentina, have been learning about carbon footprints and energy saving, and have been planting more trees to help the environment.

Since the programme was started, 200,000 trees have been planted in 22 towns across San Luis.

Why plant trees?
- To make homes for animals
- To make the countryside look beautiful
- To help the environment

The UK

The Woodland Trust started a 'More Trees, More Good' campaign. They want to plant six million trees over the next 50 years. Schools and businesses are all helping because they know how important it is to plant more trees. Noah, from Birchanger Primary School, helped plant over 50 trees at his school with his friends and teachers. 'It was great fun planting the trees – we all wore our boots and got muddy!'

Tree facts
- Trees can live for hundreds of years.
- Trees produce oxygen and reduce the amount of carbon dioxide in the air.
- One large tree can give a day's oxygen for up to four people.

Read the text and answer the following questions:

What is the largest rainforest ?

   a. South America   b. the Amazon rainforest

How many trees have been planted in San Luis ?

   a. 200.000   b. 22

What do animals make from trees?

   a. Homes   b. food

What do trees produce?

   a. Carbon dioxide   b. oxygen